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Building Acceptance, Dismantling Ableism

By Jean Perry

It's April again, which means, as I flip my free Easter Seals calendar over to page April, I'm going to start talking about autism again.

April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, marks the start of Autism Awareness Month all across the globe. We included some bits on autism awareness in *The Wanderer* over the last three consecutive Aprils, but now as we face a fourth April – ten Aprils after the very first Autism Awareness Month – I'm wondering, are we 'aware' yet?



The junior high school students of Old Rochester got their walk-out against gun violence up and running on Wednesday, March 21, after a snow storm prevented the event from occurring on the prior Wednesday when students all over the country walked out of their schools at 10:00 am for 17 minutes – one minute for each student killed in Parkland, Florida. Photo courtesy OR-RJHS Principal Kevin Brogioli

On the cover: Peep Power –April 2 marks the beginning of Autism Awareness Month; however, the Peeps of the Autistic Community insist it's time to forego autism awareness and puzzle piece ribbons in favor of Autism Acceptance Month, and they have designed their own rainbow infinity symbol to celebrate neuro-diversity. Also, this year Easter falls on April 1, which could make for some real Easter morning April Fools' Day fun! (We're thinking of swapping out jellybeans for dog food in a few of those hidden eggs.) Cover design and photo by Jean Perry

Because, really, autism 'awareness' hasn't really changed very much for Autistics or their families. Services for Autistics are still underfunded, supports are still limited, and Autistics are still fighting for their rightful place in society and for their voices to be heard.

The neuro-typical (NT) world still in large part excludes Autistics, still perpetuates damaging stereotypes, still uses the r-word in mainstream culture, and is still dictating the futures of people on the autism spectrum in almost all facets of their lives, especially in schools and in the workplace with a lack of jobs and unequal and unfair wages.

Since last April I've learned that many Autistic people aren't even fans of Autism Awareness Month. Autistic activists and bloggers say blue light bulbs, puzzle piece pins, autism walkathons, and more "awareness" propagated by NTs actually undermines Autistics' efforts by perpetuating stereotypes, eliciting pity through anecdotes, and talking about autism like NTs are the experts and offering no forum for the true experts on

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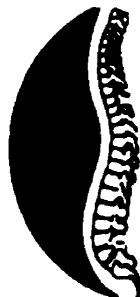
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"We don't care for 'Autism Awareness Month' because it focuses on the negativity of autism," said Chuck McIntyre, a 26-year-old resident of Mattapoissett who is Autistic and active in the Autistic Community advocacy scene. "It follows the perspective of parents who martyr themselves as people who have to 'deal with' Autistics and often brings up 'cure' culture and increases stigma. But most importantly, it leaves us out of the conversation; it really *pushes* us out of the conversation."

I've given all that a lot of thought, and I have no option but to agree with him.

The growing pains of personal growth have hallmarked my time between last Autism Awareness Month and this one. Accompanying that was the nausea that ensues when a new idea conflicts with one's flawed assumption, and the jolt of self-awareness I drove into was like a massive pothole out of nowhere.

This year marked the chapter in my life when I faced the 'ableism' I never saw in myself because it didn't quite look the way I pictured it.

As an advocate for my child and an ally of the disenfranchised, I never considered that perhaps inside me were some unwitting ableist tendencies. I knew *they* were out there, trying fad "treatments" to "cure" kids of autism and parents withholding vaccines essentially believing that a sick (or possibly dead!) child would be preferable to an Autistic child.

"There are multiple forms of ableism," said McIntyre. "There's the ableist that denies that these disorders or ailments exist, or those who call people like me or others 'fakers.' There's the ableist who can say that you can overcome if you just 'try harder.'"

And among a litany of other examples, McIntyre said, "There's the ableist who is bitter about having their

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“And then there are ableists who are just bullies,” said McIntyre.

Ableism is also the crass concept that Autism is a defect of nature versus diversity in nature. Ableism is often unconscious, and so is ‘abled privilege,’ which is as simple as being able to look at the floor while talking to someone without being “redirected” to “make eye contact.”

We see ableism on social media videos of people acting kindly towards an Autistic person and being hailed a saint for attending an Autistic’s girl’s birthday party.

“The media in general will form a stereotype of the ‘helpless’ handicapped person,” McIntyre said. “A lot of their stories will be about these people who can’t take care of themselves or some unfortunate family who is living with this ‘Autistic version of the child they dreamed of.’”

This April is the perfect time for NTs to consider a new paradigm, one in which Autistics are accepted and



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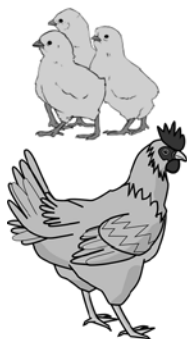
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Awareness means we know that Autistic people exist. Acceptance means Autistic people matter.

"You can be aware of women, and how their body functions," said McIntyre as an example. "Or, you can be accepting of women and treat them respectfully. It goes the same for Autistics.... You can know everything about autism, or think you do, and still not accept Autistic people; you can still shun them. And if you shun them, Autistic people will still have trouble finding work, and in higher education ... leaving room for a stigma."

"If there isn't acceptance, then there's trying to control it, trying to change it," said McIntyre. "And we're saying it's not okay, we're saying that that lack of acceptance is itself unacceptable."

Autism is a complex neurological "spectrum" disorder exhibiting disabilities in core areas such as cognitive functioning, fine and gross motor and planning skills, social development, and sensory processing. There is no one cause of autism, although researches suggest a combination of genetic and environmental factors may play a role. Despite exploitative claims, there is no "cure." According to the Center for Disease Control & Prevention, one in 68 people is diagnosed with some form of autism spectrum disorder, ranging in number and degree of common symptoms that may affect communication, over- or under-sensitivity to light, sound, or touch, social skills, and repetitive self-soothing movements ('stims'). Often other diagnoses correlate with autism, such as epilepsy and gastroenterological issues.

It is important that parents know the early warning signs of autism, because outcome is often more positive when intervention occurs earlier in development. Some early signs of autism, which can sometimes be

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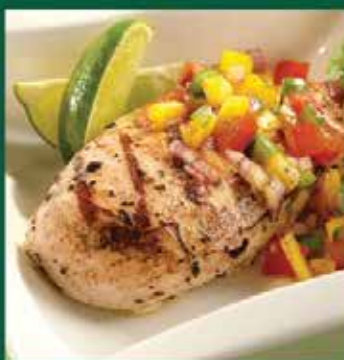
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McIntyre is recording a mini-series of hour-long episodes about autism with ORCTV, which will be aired throughout the month of April, to include topics like autism and the Autistic identity, Autistic rights and self-advocacy, autism stigma and ableism, Autistics and the economy, Autistics and politics, and Autistic allyship.

"This is my campaign to take back the narrative on autism and take back Autism Awareness Month and repurpose it for Autistic acceptance and Autistic appreciation," said McIntyre.

The Iconic Seahorse

By George B. Emmons

There are 54 different species of seahorses in the world. They live along shallow edges of coastlines all over the globe, but they are rarely seen and are often described as the shyest creature on earth.

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What is called a 'prehensile' (adapted to hold or grasp objects) tail is flexible enough to wrap around its neck like a scarf and to even scratch its own head to wonder about how his curious creation ever came to be. Mostly the tail is used to reach out and latch onto a sea grass blade or coral finger to stabilize its location and position in a strong current.

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Seahorse reproductive behavior is even more astounding as the male carries the fertilized eggs in a brood pouch placed there by a female. After an elaborate several-day courtship during with couples swim side-by-side holding tails, they both wheel around doing what is called a mystical pre-dawn dance lasting about six minutes. The female then releases her eggs through her ovipositor tube into the male's brood pouch. He subsequently nourishes them by manufacturing organic compounds as well as hormones for development.

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Some seahorse populations in the world may be endangered as a result of overfishing, particularly in the Orient for use with Chinese medicine, where seahorse powder is ingested in pills, powders, and syrups to cure kidney disease, impotence, and induce labor. Seahorses are also a favorite delicacy, roasted and sold by street

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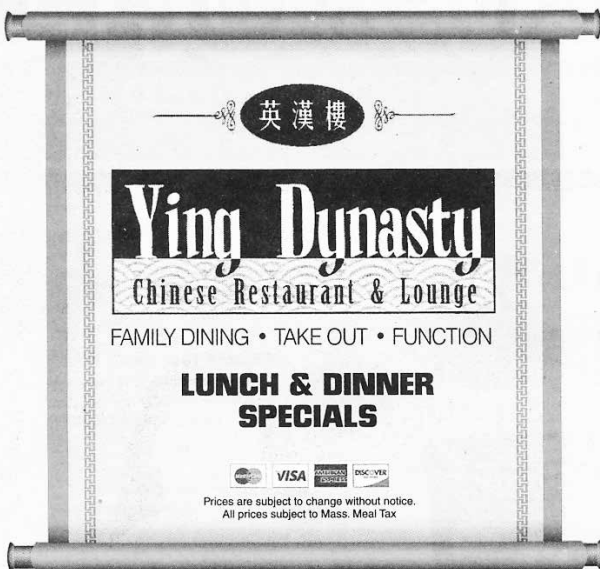
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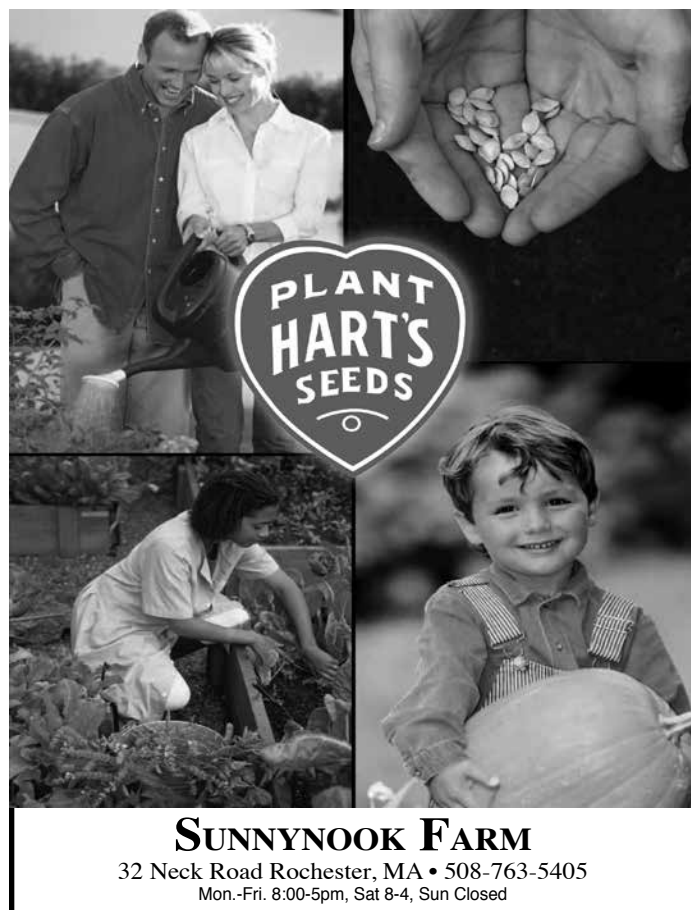
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By Jean Perry

The deadline for candidates to return their nomination papers for the May 18 Marion election passed on Monday, March 26, and the race is on for Board of Selectmen with two seats up for grabs – one three-year seat to replace outgoing Selectman Jody Dickerson and another one-year seat left vacant by Steve Gonsalves when he resigned in February.

While only Community Preservation Committee Chairman and Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission member Randy Parker filed papers for the three-year seat, four will appear on the ballot to fill the one-year seat.

William "Dale" Jones, Michelle Oullette Smith, John Waterman, and Joseph Zora, Jr. all opted for the one-year selectman's seat, making this Board of Selectmen race the most contested on the ballot.

Jones has run several times for Board of Selectmen, including last year against four other opponents, but he never came in first. He was recently appointed as a member of the Conservation Commission and was also once the Emergency Management director.

Smith is a member of the Marion and Old Rochester Regional School Committees and is also a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. She ran against Jones last year for Board of Selectmen, vying for former Selectman Steve Cushing's open seat, but came in fourth place. Smith is also the only one running for the Marion School Committee to maintain her seat for another term.

Waterman has spoken publically against the current Board of Selectmen's decision to jettison the new town house construction option article from the Town Meeting warrant.

Zora can often be heard speaking his mind as a concerned citizen on the Town Meeting floor. His father, Joseph Zora, Sr., was a Board of Selectmen member for 27 years, serving nine consecutive terms.

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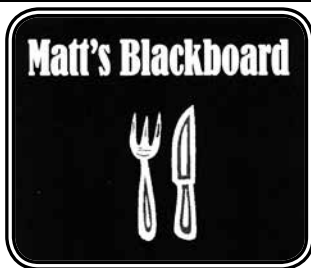
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recent local news after he was abruptly dismissed from his position as executive director of the Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District. Pickles is also the current town clerk and a former town administrator.

The remaining uncontested races are as follows: Town Moderator, one year, incumbent Brad Gordon; Board of Health, three years, incumbent John Howard; Planning Board, two seats each three years, current appointed Planning Board member Andrew Daniel and Kristen St. Don-April Rios; Open Space Acquisition Commission, three years, incumbent Alan Harris.

Voting for the Friday, May 18, Annual Election is at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center located at 465 Mill Road. Polls open at 8:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

Rochester Voters Meet Candidates

By Jean Perry

Rochester voters have a few choices in front of them for this year's April 11 Annual Election.

There are two contested races – Board of Selectmen and Planning Board – and on March 27, the people had a chance to hear from the candidates themselves during a candidates' forum at the Council on Aging.

Current Zoning Board of Appeals Vice Chairman and Finance Committee member David Arancio was first at the podium to speak about his candidacy for Board of Selectmen.



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Arancio moved to Rochester eight years ago, with a background in field safety and risk management and management of a small construction subcontracting company.

His intention as selectman is not what *he* can do as selectman; rather, he wants to be part of the municipal fabric, he said, which includes two other voting members of the board – a board that some have observed hasn't always worked well together, he said, "And I want to be part of that change."

"We (three selectmen) need to take the input from the town, we need to digest that, and we need to work together on that," Arancio said.

Arancio said most of the highlights of his time on the ZBA and FinCom are posted to his Facebook election campaign page where many have posed questions to him about housing, solar, water resource protection, emergency services, and how to balance residential growth with a sluggish commercial growth.

"And it's really important for me that we really go out there and we explore things ... [and] what's going to make this town more stable in certain areas," Arancio said.

Paul Ciaburri, director of Emergency Management since 1988, didn't have a whole lot to say in his introduction, saying he moved to Rochester in 1979 and joined the fire department in 1980. This is his first time running for public office, due to his prior role as a Merchant Marine, which took up much of his time, often



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for weeks at a time. Now that he is retired, Ciaburri said, "I thought maybe I could do a little extra."

He grew up in New Bedford, he said, "But I love this town and I'd like to see it stay the way it is, kind of..."

Emcee Greenwood Hartley, selectman and member of the Council on Aging Board of Directors, opened up the forum to the voters for questions.

One resident asked about ways to make moving into Rochester affordable for people other than just seniors, but as Arancio pointed out first, there is no simple answer. There is a bylaw review committee that reports to the Planning Board, Arancio said, "And if there's something the [Planning Board] wants to take up, they ask them to review those bylaws."

"Anything we can do as a group, and we get the input of everybody first, is the right process," said Arancio. What that would look like in the end, he said, "That's an unknown." It is up to the Planning Board on whether to support bylaw changes that would accommodate more affordable housing for families and younger people.

Ciaburri agreed with Arancio, saying, "Unfortunately, we can't just wave a wand and say, 'Yeah, we're gonna do this,' ...but the more input and the more information we can get on it, the better the decision can be made."

One resident asked about the candidates' opinions on regionalization of services, to which Ciaburri commented, "I've never been a fan of regionalization."

"It's worked in some things, but in other things ... it's been a gray area. It's hard when you get different towns together to make a cohesive decision that's good for all of them," said Ciaburri. "I think the town loses some of its autonomy when you regionalize because somebody else is making the decisions and you're stuck with it...."

For Arancio, with nothing specific before the town under consideration for regionalization, although he mentioned casual talk about regionalization of Tri-Town elementary schools, "Which I am not in favor of," he said he believes in the need to listen to everything when it

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"But if it's a decision that's going to affect this town's character, affect the townspeople," he said, then a selectman should listen.

There are four candidates for two seats on the Planning Board, with three candidates able to attend the event. Incumbent John DeMaggio was unable to attend.

Newcomer David Shaw, first to the podium, has lived in Rochester for ten years, he said. A municipal worker of 14 years in Marion and a firefighter for 10, Shaw said it felt like the right time to sit on a board.

Not having much else to add, Shaw said, "I figured I'd try ... do a little work ... and try to help out, so I figured I'd run for Planning Board."

Incumbent Bendrix "Ben" Bailey, a Rochester resident since 1985, has served seven years now on the Planning Board.

He highlighted his contributions to the board, such as his help in devising a bylaw to include a decommissioning bond for solar farms and his idea for the bylaw that banned large-scale solar farms from the Limited Industrial District, like the one the developer withdrew from New Bedford Road in the center of town.

Also, he said, he led an investigation into unfinished construction at Connet Woods that he was able to bring to the attention of the board just as Connet Woods requested the release of its final lots.

Bill Milka introduced himself next. A contractor

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for 34 years specializing in cranberry bog construction and construction site utility work, Milka moved to Rochester in 1996.

"If I was to be elected on the Planning Board, I could be an asset of thirty-four years' experience of building plans and managing projects," said Milka. "I'd like to help the people of Rochester by making decisions to help the town stay a farming community, and welcome more farmers into the town. I'm into open space and would like to keep development to a minimum, and I would like to join in the decision making to keep the cost of living down for the people living here."

He said he wanted to help the board streamline its decision process and then said, "Now I'm gonna go

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home and have a couple beers," eliciting laughter.

When it comes to solar, Shaw said he really didn't have much to say about it, although he did say, "It's really hard when you got a lot of residential zone and you try to put a solar farm in the middle of it." He said an area that would affect the least number of residents is best.

For Milka, "I don't think you're going to be able to designate certain areas for solar." The board must "make sure the applicants design these things so that it's shielded and it doesn't affect anyone around it."

"I think they're the ugliest things coming down the road, but as long as they're shielded and you don't know they're there..." Milka said. "I think it's better than filling the town with subdivisions."

Bailey testified to the fact that towns are not allowed to ban solar farms and enjoy a protected status in Massachusetts.

"The state attorney general would disallow that," said Bailey. "We don't have a place to put these that's designated. It bothers me very much because solar is an industrial activity – it's completely unfair."

"We don't have a place that we can designate strictly for solar farms," added Bailey.

The four candidates are vying for two seats up for grabs on the Planning Board.

The Rochester Annual Election is April 11. Polls open at 8:00 am and close at 8:00 pm at the Rochester Senior Center on Dexter Lane.

Quarry Property Receives DCR Nod

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

It looks like it's all systems go for a prime natural parcel in Mattapoisett to become the newest conserved land for public enjoyment: the Old Hammondtown Quarry.

The 53-acre site was first identified by the Mattapoisett Land Trust as a worthy contender for permanent conservation status when the parcel became available. With its history as a rose granite quarry – features that are still visible deep within the woodlands – and its clean fresh water streams, the MLT went on the



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On March 27, Town Administrator Michael Gagne announced that a letter had been received from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation expressing their interest in purchasing the property. The letter notes, "The cascading Swifts Brook at the southwestern corner of the property is one of the healthiest streams in the region."

Gagne said that with the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen's approval, he would post the letter on the Town's website giving the public the opportunity to voice any questions or concerns pursuant to the state's plan. Barring any comments, he said he would then advise the state that the Town was in agreement to waive the 120-day notice period.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has also been instrumental in the process, Gagne said.

The selectmen were unanimous in agreement to follow through as suggested.

Coming before the selectmen to discuss the work of the Mattapoisett Cultural Council was Chairman Kathleen Damaskos. She began by speaking about the variety of grant requests received annually – grants that impact "every demographic" in town.

Damaskos said that local and regional school programs such as robotics and drama programming are funded in part by grants received from the MCC. However, she said that with state funding of only \$4,400,



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many requests had to be turned down.

Damaskos said she communicated with Gagne and hoped that the selectmen would support a matching municipal sum to help ensure more programs could be funded in the future.

Again, the selectmen were unanimous in their agreement to add a budget line item in the amount of \$5,000 for grants awarded by the MCC.

Damaskos also introduced the newest members to the MCC. They are Donna Wingate, Gail Schultz, Karen Martin, Sarah Thomas, and Mike Eaton.

Changes in other boards and committees noted on this night were Alexandra Murphy to the Historical Commission and James Rodriques to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The selectmen also appointed three new civilian per diem paramedics: Joseph Borgatti III; Bruce Ballard; and William Coucci.

During his report to the selectmen, Gagne lauded the exemplary efforts of the Highway, Water, Sewer, and Tree Departments during the spate of damaging storms that have stricken the area.

He also thanked Eversource for their service to the town.

Gagne said Town Hall staff also pitched in to help residents through the difficult hours, and that the Police and Fire Departments were to be congratulated for their efforts.

Gagne gave a special shout-out to Police Captain Anthony Days for coordinating the opening of the relief center at ORRHS during power outages.

Gagne said cleanup continues on public easements, but he advised residents that brush and trees on private property were not to be dragged out to the edge of roadways for town collection. He said storm debris from private property should be transported to the transfer station. Starting April 3, the transfer station hours will switch to Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

On the theme of disaster planning, Gagne said the Flood Mitigation Plan was complete and ready to submit to FEMA and MEMA (Federal and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agencies). He said this blueprint

would allow the Town to file grant applications, and he hopes to secure monies for the relocation of the sewer main currently located across Eel Pond.

Gagne also reported on another type of disaster, that of the opioid crisis. He read from a paper published by the Massachusetts Municipal Association that discussed the joining of cities and towns in lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies and distributors. He said that presently 30 municipalities have united to pursue litigation against companies they believe have contributed to addiction problems in their communities.

Gagne said that in speaking with Police Chief Mary Lyons and town counsel, Mattapoissett had sufficient data to join in such litigation.

The lawsuit would in part allege, "...That distributors did not track and inform the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration of suspicious opioid orders as required under the Controlled Substances Act."

The selectmen agreed and moved to have Mattapoissett join other Massachusetts cities and towns in this matter.

Earlier in the evening, coming before the selectmen were Guy Rossi and Zach Sun of Taylor Seafood for a hearing to determine the future of their aquaculture license for waters off Brandt Point.

After what had previously been identified as non-compliance conditions and abandonment of equipment, the selectmen called the hearing. The hearing was short-lived however, when Rossi and Sun announced they were relinquishing their license at this time.

Gagne asked them to submit a letter from their corporate entity officially notifying the Town of their intention to discontinue.

The selectmen also heard details regarding the Tri-Town Veteran's Services with the board approving an agreement between Marion, Rochester, and Mattapoissett that clears the way for efficient management and support of resources. Gagne said Veterans Agent Barry Denham and clerk Jo-Ann O'Malley were doing a "great job," also noting that they have seen an uptick in requests for services.

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said a bike share pilot program would begin with bikes positioned at the wharf, near the bike path, and at the Mattapoisett Boat Yard. The bike share program survey generated a healthy response from the public, he said.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **April 10** at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room.

More Seniors Means More COA Funding

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

The trend has been substantiated by SRPEDD, borne out in census reports, and become a reality for councils on aging throughout the Tri-Town area – the population is aging. And with that follows the need for greater resources and more services geared to supporting senior citizens as they attempt to age in place.

On March 22, the members of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee met with Jackie Coucci, director of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, to discuss the department's fiscal year 2019 budget and to take a closer look at the needs of an aging population.

Coucci discussed a survey that was conducted between July and August 2017 – a time when the highest number of seasonal homeowners would have returned to Mattapoisett – that asked seniors a variety of questions in an effort to determine how the COA could help as senior citizens strive to “maintain a happy, healthy lifestyle.”

While the survey asked basic questions such as age, gender, employment status, and living arrangement, it also delved into functional habits of living, such as overall health and mobility, transportation needs, finances, housing issues, and enrichment programming.

Of the 227 surveys completed, Coucci found the greatest concerns were lack of transportation options, ability to remain at home, and lack of affordable housing.

Citing statistics from the Town Clerk's office, Coucci said that the 2017 data showed a total population of 6,570 with nearly half – 2,955 or 45% – aged 55 or older, and 35% of that group aged 60 or older.

“The survey was not just for the COA,” Coucci told the FinCom members, “it is for the town, the

Planning Board, the Finance Committee.... It's the pulse of the community.”

Coucci said, however, that she was concerned about reaching those seniors who are homebound. “How do we reach those at home to find out what their needs are?”

While the COA assists both year round and seasonal seniors, its services also have the affect of helping entire family units as younger folks seek programs and expertise for their older family members.

“People ask us about handymen and other types of hands-on services,” Coucci said, adding that the COA does have a list that has been crosschecked with the Better Business Bureau and Angie's List, but ultimately it is the responsibility of the individual to make good decisions.

FinCom Chairman Pat Donoghue said, “I worry about people making good judgment about who they hire ... I get concerned that we need to have resources to protect our seniors ... That's the kind of service I'd like to see.”

Town Administrator Michael Gagne added that, during a meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, a discussion on aging populations identified Mattapoisett as ranking No. 1 in the entire Southcoast for percentage of seniors versus all other age groups.

“We need to address senior services,” he said.

As the meeting shifted to discussion of the FY19 budget projections, Donoghue pointed out that school



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enrollment continued to decline.

"We have a big change in demographics," she said. "This is an opportunity to say we move allocation from the schools to the senior center."

Regarding capital improvements, Coucci pointed to wheelchair access to the senior center located in the annex of Center School, an awning over the entranceway, and other renovations that would bring the center up to the 20th century. She also said relocating the public health nurse to available space on the first floor near the Recreation Department offices would free up space in the annex area for COA use. Coucci said presently there isn't a space to have private conversations with those seeking assistance.

Staffing changes were also discussed as Coucci asked to increase the part-time administrative coordinator position to full-time status and a salary increase of \$6,073 for her position. The current salary for the director's position is \$55,927. In support of this request, Coucci distributed a study she had conducted on the average salaries of COA directors in other towns including Marion and Rochester. Marion came in at \$51,123, whereas Rochester was \$84,000. Coucci said Rochester's personnel set-up was different in that the director reported directly to the Board of Directors versus the selectmen or a town manager.

Gagne said Coucci currently is not employed via negotiated contract.

"Her job should be a contract negotiation," Gagne said.

Mattapoisett's COA overall budget proposal from FY19 stands at \$169,192.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee is scheduled for **March 29** at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room.

Farmers Market Project Officially Withdrawn

Rochester Planning Board

By Jean Perry

Craig Canning had big plans for his wide, open field on Marion Road. Abutters, neighbors, and townspeople in Rochester supported Canning's proposal to transform the agricultural land into a working farm with a country-style farmers market and café. The large turnout for past Planning Board meetings showed that most of them believed a farmers market in Rochester was a sunnier idea than another solar farm – most people, that is, with the exception of the neighbors across the street who took Canning to court to stop Rochester Farms, LLC from spoiling their picture-window vista.

Now, five months since the Rochester Planning Board approved Canning's Site Plan Review, the board on March 22 acquiesced to Canning's request to rescind his Site Plan approval and accepted his request to withdraw his application without prejudice after conceding that Maryann and Kenneth Cutler's litigation against the

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project rendered Canning's business plan financially unfeasible.

Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson reopened the public hearing to complete Canning's two requests, pausing first for comment before doing so.

"The only thing I want to say," said Johnson, "is I absolutely personally feel this [Site Plan Review] decision was very well thought out. There were countless hours in this ... and I personally feel that that approval that we did was the best use of that property for the town as a whole."

Planning Board member Gary Florindo also lamented the withdrawal.

"I've been on this board a long time, and that's the first thing that's come in front of [this board] for seven to ten years that made sense," Florindo said, "that would fit into Rochester as well as benefit the people in the neighborhood and the town, and it's a shame that we're going this route."

For now, the field remains as it was: the two greenhouses and wooden shed situated in the center of a late-wintery farmland with its open field vista relatively unchanged, except for the addition of a tractor-trailer stationed directly across from the Cutlers' picture window.

In other matters, the board reviewed the draft decision of Site Plan Review approval for Borrego Solar Systems, developer of the large-scale solar farm off Rounseville and Mendell Roads. The board refined some of the conditions and details of the decision and sent it back to the town planner for updating. The board will vote on the decision at its next meeting.

Also during the meeting, the board could not act on the Approval Not Required application filed by Thomas Gayoski, Jr. for 35 Burgess Avenue.

Bob Rogers of G.A.F. Engineering said the plan was to create three conveyance parcels, with one over 400-acre parcel dedicated to agricultural use, and land being added to two adjacent residential lots.

The board's issue was with an existing shed encroaching on the rear setback of one of the residential lots, a non-conformity under the zoning bylaw. Johnson said the board could not accept the filing unless the

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Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance for the shed.

"It's not because we wouldn't like to; it's because we can't. You know the regs," Planning Board member Ben Bailey said to Rogers who questioned the board's concern.

Rogers phoned Gayoski for permission to continue the hearing and request an extension for the application, then returned to the room saying Gayoski did not grant him permission to extend the hearing.

The board was visibly perplexed because Gayoski could have requested the extension and sought approval from the ZBA, which Rogers said did not interest Gayoski.

Rogers said the 21 days since the application was filed was up, and being pressed for time, the application "didn't have much of a chance" due to the storm and subsequent cancelation of the March 13 meeting. Rogers said it would be too expensive to move the shed, and it would be a risk to go before the ZBA because the ZBA could deny the variance.

"I don't understand why the answer would be no," said Bailey. "At least this is a chance."

"We did not know that this [setback] was an issue," said Rogers.

As the discussion continued, Rogers argued that the changing of the lot lines would mitigate the non-conformity by adding rear setback footage, but Johnson argued that it would be a trade-off for the creation of another non-conformity the move would make with one of the other lots.

Johnson said the plans were insufficient and could not be approved.

"We have to deny because of a technicality," Bailey said.

Rogers was clearly frustrated as the discussion wrapped up, but Johnson maintained that the board could only deny the application if Gayoski did not wish to request an extension.

At that, the board denied the application.

The public hearing for Clean Energy Collective for the solar farm on Mattapoisett Road was continued at the applicant's request for March 23 due to a recent change in the applicant's plan pertaining to sightlines and screening.

This meeting was the rescheduled meeting for March 13 that was canceled due to the weather. The next regular meeting of the Rochester Planning Board was scheduled for March 27 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

Clouds Clear for Two Solar Projects

Rochester Planning Board

By Jean Perry

The Rochester Planning Board on March 27 gave the final nod to Borrego Solar System's large-scale solar farm slated for Rounseville Road at the corner of Mendell

Road, and it also cleared the way for Clean Energy Collective to return to construction activities while it awaits the board's final approval in two weeks.

Evan Watson for Clean Energy Collective for its 248 Mattapoisett Road solar farm went over some of the final details left open from the last meeting before delving deeper into screening matters that at times reflected contention between the board and the solar developer, especially over an area of trees the board wanted to remain permanently to provide screening. However, land owner Mike Forand wanted permission to cut down three oak trees and leave the remaining softwood trees, bringing the conversation into the direction of property owner rights.

Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson said when he spoke with Ken Motta, the board's peer review engineer, Motta advised that all the vegetation in the aforementioned area, located nearer towards the road, needed to stay put. "...I kind of agree with him," Johnson said.

The issue of how much control would the property owner maintain over lots abutting the solar farm was thoroughly discussed, with concerns mainly about future ownership and the fact that the board does not allow trees and vegetation on abutting properties to be relied upon for permanent screening, since the owners of those properties control the fate of their own vegetation.

After some time, Johnson said the conversation was getting too far into the hypothetical future and brought the talk back to the main point; that is, screening the panels is priority and that screening is going to have to be right where the panels are.

A representative from Clean Energy Collective mentioned Forand appealing the board's condition to the Zoning Board of Appeals in order to maintain his right to control the fate of his trees, but that didn't sit well with Johnson.

"You're gonna end up sitting right where you are now, doing nothing," warned Johnson. After that, Planning Board member Ben Bailey objected to the developer's use of the word "compromise" when referring to the board's final written decision.

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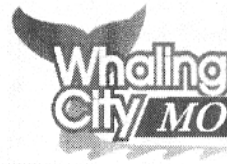
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"We don't compromise on the regulations," Bailey said. "And we've always said that abutting property cannot be presumed by a solar field ... to be the screening process for that, and the Planning Board is not disposed to create conditions where we have to then chase landowners and enforce them..." He continued, "You're really gonna run up against opposition unless what you propose is self-contained within the [property]."

It was Clean Energy Collective's attorney, John Serkey, who came up with an idea the board could rally behind – a condition that would grant Forand permission to cut down only those three oak trees the board would approve, and if Forand wanted to chop down any more

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he would first have to return to the board.

That condition would work for future property owners, too, commented board member John DeMaggio.

The board considered granting conditioned approval on the project under the condition that the developer furnish the town planner with final revised plans the next day, but instead opted for Plan B, to allow Clean Energy Collective to return to work during the two weeks leading up to the next meeting, during which time the developer may work on the access drive and berm.

The board still needed some detailed structural analyses on the feasibility of the proposed stockade fence and whether it would withstand Category 3 hurricane force winds without falling, but it expects to vote on approval at its next meeting.

With just minimal discussion on final details of the decision, the board approved Borrego Solar Systems' solar farm with a unanimous vote.

In other matters, while the board may have allowed the sun in on the solar projects, they threw some serious shade onto Zero Waste Solutions for its change of course from solid waste briquettes to an ethanol biorefinery without any communication with the Planning Board, the approving body that gave initial approval for the briquette operation.

Johnson said he heard about Zero Waste Solutions CEO Mike Camara's presentation to the Board of Selectmen last week through the grapevine, and he

criticized Camara's poor communication with the board and its inability to keep to the construction timeline the board imposed on the original briquette project.

Johnson said the existing business is still incomplete in its construction – stormwater management drainage, no completed access road – “And most important, we don't have any communication, which we brought up multiple times,” said Johnson.

Johnson said he spoke with town counsel about it and the two agreed the best approach would be to send Camara a certified letter enforcing the June (or July, Johnson wasn't sure) construction deadline for the project the board approved, “Or there will be a cease and desist order ... no exceptions.”

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board is scheduled for **April 10** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

Addition Approved for Ailing Relative

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

A Mattapoisett family's personal problems – trying to keep an ailing patriarch in his home as health issues require increased caregiving – was discussed during the March 26 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission.

Coming before the commissioners was David Davignon of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc. representing the family identified as 6R North Street Nominee Trust as they sought permission via a Request for Determination of Applicability to build an addition to an existing home within the 100-foot wetland boundary.

Davignon described the project as a 20-foot by 20-foot, 435 square-foot addition with a porch featuring handicap access and a first floor bathroom. He said that given the petite size of the addition, stormwater run-off from the roof would be minimal and would be directed into existing drainage streams nearby.

“We are not proposing any change in grade,” Davignon said, adding that a drainage swale would move water towards the intermittent stream that flows out under Water Street and into the harbor.

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Vera Gibbons and her extended family, who own property along Captain's Lane abutting the proposed project site, lamented that she and her children had only just received the notification of the plans and needed more time to assess any potential impact. She said they were concerned about the location of the addition and its close proximity to the drainage brook that she said is presently running high.

Davignon suggested that a drainage pipe servicing property along Captain's Lane needed maintenance and that his clients had offered to do such work.

Gibbons asked whether or not the project needed a variance of the Board of Appeals. Davignon said yes.

Gibbons also said drainage issues plagued 12 Captain's Lane, but both Davignon and Conservation Commission Chairman Mike King both pointed out that the proposed addition was at a down gradient from all the lots along Captain's Lane. Thus, it would not negatively affect the Gibbons' holdings.

"It's impossible for water to flow uphill," King said.

King said, "I'm sensitive to anyone with water problems," but that the project as described seemed appropriate. "I suggest the neighbors all try to work together.... These are historic drainage features."

Carol Holland, a niece of the family proposing the addition, rose to speak. She was emotional as she

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described the health issues facing the family and the need to have living space for the family member that would allow him to continue to live at home. "...If they can't have this, they won't be able to live there.... I hope [the decision] doesn't make their lives any more difficult."

The project received a Negative 3 determination (no Notice of Intent required), allowing it to advance to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Also coming before the commissioners was John Shockro, 1 Harbor Road, with an RDA to extend an existing pervious driveway for a turn-around. He said it was difficult to back out onto Harbor Road and this would eliminate that problem. The project received a Negative 3 ruling.

Ross Kessler, 5 Locust Street, sought and received a Negative determination of applicability to construction a garage at the rear of his property and to pave a portion of an existing gravel driveway.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for **April 9** at 6:30 pm in the town hall conference room.

School Recognizes Success of Student Firefighters

Old Rochester Regional School Committee

By Jean Perry

Old Rochester Regional School Committee member Joe Pires couldn't say enough positive words about the M.M.R. Hose CO. Explorer Post 343 cadet program, a collaborative effort led by Tri-Town firefighters committed to providing young people with the experience and training to be future firefighters.

Pires praised the program on March 26 before presenting the cadets and their leaders with certificates of merit and appreciation.

The program, Pires said, is a success due to the commitment of the cadet leaders, "The people who just give wholeheartedly to this program."

"I personally have witnessed fine people in this community taking our children as if they were their own," said Pires, whose son Matthew is a cadet. The skills the program has offered, the education, the experience, Pires



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said, "I can't say enough."

Out of the ten cadets in the program, eight were present for the ORR School Committee meeting to talk about their experiences so far as a firefighter cadet.

Josh Marcio said the cadet program is just like what one would encounter in firefighting academy.

"This is a real good career option," said Marcio. "It teaches ... team building, leadership, and I think that's one of the most important parts – it's just amazing."

Amber Jones found herself facing her fear of heights, which she is sure she will get over eventually, along with any other fears she might have had before.

"They definitely push us to accomplish what we want to accomplish and help us to get over our fears," Jones said. "And no matter what we have at home, we have a second family with each other," said Jones. Having known many of the other cadets for years, she said the program has strengthened their friendships as they all seriously consider a future in firefighting.

Jones said she never even thought about firefighting as a career path, but once she became a cadet, "...And seeing how it works and the togetherness of everyone ... I definitely knew almost immediately that I wanted to do this for my career, and my family is totally surprised by that."

One cadet said the program has made him a better person, more open and outgoing.

"It's an environment where kids can grow and learn ... teamwork," said Rochester Firefighter Tracey Eldridge. "And community is really important."

The training is intense, and the experience as real as it gets in a controlled environment. Cadets have learned ice rescue techniques, worked inside rapid intervention mazes with wire entanglement props and confined spaces, high elevations, all to begin the recruitment process for the future firefighters of Tri-Town, said Rochester Fire Captain Jeff Eldridge.

"It's really important that we start building our future firefighters and to see them all together – that's what does it for me," Eldridge said. "They take care of each other."

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come out of their comfort zone has been amazing," Tracey Eldridge said. "And we only hope to build the program and a better place, a safe place for kids to do something different."

After a video presentation showcasing the program, Pires continued praising the program.

"To see all of those images, it tells a story," Pires said. "It is amazing to just witness and watch ... you kids perform and do things maybe that you thought you couldn't do."

In other matters, ORR High School Principal Mike Devoll gave an update on some of the new courses the committee approved at the last meeting, as well as a list of additional courses slated for next year.

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The first wave of new courses features Advanced Placement Latin, Lego Robotics, Computer Science for All, and AP Computer Science Principles.

"I'm happy to report that all have very strong student interest," Devoll said. "...Huge."

The committee approved some additional courses, including a themed English course called Monsters, Murder, and Madness, which Devoll said was a college prep level course. Other courses were technology-based, like Introduction to CAD design, Intro to 3D design, Advanced Robotics, and Intro to Game Design.

"The intent was to expand and grow the Technology Department at the school," Devoll said, while touching upon an additional technology teacher position currently funded in the fiscal year 2019 budget. "I think the big takeaway is that whenever we decided to add a second tech position, it sounds great but it's about marshaling the kids ... and that's always a concern. The kids have to show interest."

Devoll said it's possible he could be looking at a third technology teacher position next year if increased

student interest in tech courses continues, with demand for computer science and engineering on the rise.

"I think these classes look great. I wish I was a student," said School Committee member Michelle Smith.

Also during the meeting, Business Administrator Patrick Spencer introduced the one bid for the construction of a new security vestibule at the high school for \$9,761, which the committee approved. The same company that installed the junior high vestibule will install the high school vestibule, and construction will start as soon as school lets out for the summer.

As it stands, the last day of school will be June 25.

The next meeting of the old Rochester Regional School Committee is scheduled for **April 25** at 6:30 pm at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School media room.

Survey Yields Professional Development Priorities

Joint School Committees

By Jean Perry

A new professional development (PD) plan throughout the Old Rochester Regional and elementary school districts was just approved during the March 22 joint meeting of the school committees, with teacher, student, and parent survey data steering the priorities of the districts towards further teacher training in social/emotional learning and techniques for "problem and project-based" learning.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Dr. Elise Frangos presented the PD plan that highlights "an inclusive professional development approach" that "addresses twenty-first century needs of our students."

Teachers, students, and parents from all six Tri-Town schools submitted their feedback on focus areas most important to them, resulting in a finely tuned schedule for professional development topics for the upcoming year.

Teachers prioritized key areas for development, ranking social/emotional supports first, technology integration second, and project-based/problem-based learning third.

Students put learning stress management through yoga, mindfulness, and other activities as the most important social/emotional area for development in school, followed by learning about diversity and handling social situations and relationship building.

For academic support, students expressed a need to develop public speaking skills, followed by research and discussion on how to support academic learning at home. Students also want to see more opportunities for coding and the addition of technology like robotics and drones.

The top five picks for parents' priorities were science, technology and learning; advanced learning and enrichment; mindfulness and stress management;



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social/emotional skill building; and planning and time management strategies for students.

Through this type of meaningful, effective professional development, Frangos said, teachers can work towards recertification requirements while advancing instruction and classroom leadership.

"Most importantly, the many professional learning opportunities you can access will raise the achievement of all students and your partnership with our families," Frangos said.

Frangos explained the project-based learning concept, saying the process begins with a driving question about a challenge or problem, and students focus on relationship building collaboratively and with intention. Furthermore, she said, it engages students with action projects that investigate critical real-life problems, and every student contributes. She stressed the skills this produces that prepare students for the workplace and college.

"Social skills cannot be taught in isolation," said Frangos in a follow-up email. "Instead, all learners want to learn these skills as part of meaningful work. This is how all team members in any organization improve – through careful consideration of the talents of the team and helping others have a voice and a meaningful role before making their findings or learning public. Project-based learning is something we do to some degree; it needs to be a part of the lives of every student."




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The next meeting of the Joint School Committees is scheduled for **May 31** at 6:30 pm in the ORR Junior High School media room.

Obstacles Trip-up Walkout Efforts

ORR Update

By Jo Caynon

The March 'Four'easters' stole four and a half days from the ORRHS schedule, including March 14, which had been designated as National School Walkout Day. The memorial and protest was then rescheduled to occur last Wednesday on March 21 at the same time of 10:00 am. However, this meant students would have missed the last 12 minutes of second period, and thus the administration was said to have nixed the idea. In the end, the event was ultimately cancelled due to impending weather and incorrect information that spread throughout the student body.

"First we had been told we would only be allowed to go out at 10:17 am instead, which would have been during Bulldog Block," said senior Madeline Scheub, the main organizer of the event. "We were warned that students would not be protected from any punishment if they went through with it. We did not want to go through with this, as we believed any discipline taken would overshadow the walkout itself and take attention away from the message we were trying to spread."

Principal Mike Devoll gave this statement on the matter: "The students indicated to me that the weather was a factor in cancelling. I received an email from a student stating it was cancelled. We never spoke of any disciplinary action. I preferred 10:17 am to 10:00 am for a start time, and conversations were cordial and collaborative."

Many of the students and parents who heard it

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had been cancelled said they thought it was cancelled because students now faced disciplinary action. Regardless, the fact that the walkout did not take place was disheartening to many.

"It's stupid that it was cancelled," senior Bella Rodrigues argued. "It's a protest, and the administration had no power over it in the first place. Shootings are going to keep happening. This is about us and our safety so we have to make a change."

"I think the student body shouldn't be scared by the administration telling them not to take part in a national protest," added senior Ethan Mort. "Them telling us not to participate in the walkout reschedule is similar to a factory owner telling his rioting workers to not go on strike."

Freshman Spencer Perez-Dormitzer said he was sad it was cancelled, "Because I had been looking forward to it. My brother took part in the junior high walkout and made a speech."

In contrast to the high school, the ORR Junior High School student body held a successful walkout.

Around two-thirds of all seventh and eighth grade students participated in the memorial, including several who made speeches to their peers.

"I thought our students handled the walkout in a mature and respectful manner," junior high Principal Kevin Brogioli stated. "They used it as an opportunity to speak about each of the seventeen victims in Parkland, Florida before having a moment of silence in their honor."

Sophie Martins was one of the students who led the organization of the junior high walkout.

"We actually learned about it during class, and as soon as I heard I was super excited," Martins said. "Word travels fast around the school, and we also used social media to tell people about the walkout. We did negotiate



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and we flipped one of our class blocks with 'flex' so we wouldn't be missing class. There were seventeen speeches made by students, and each was assigned one of the victims to talk about for our memorial."

Martins also said, "We tried to make it clear that it was a protest in calling for gun control, but that it was also about remembering the victims and making sure for their sake it doesn't happen again."

As young people, Martins said, "Standing up and raising our voices is important because we are citizens of this society and we should have a voice in it."

Back at the high school, the prior week was a busy one for the majority of students, on top of any walkout attempt. The entire 12th grade finished up and



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handed in the annual senior project articles, and the drama production took up much of the week for any cast members. As a result, a good number of students were not aware about the cancellation or about the change in dates at all.

"I didn't know it was cancelled, but I also hadn't heard about the change in dates at all," sophomore Alexa McLeod commented. "I was waiting to hear someone talk about it."

"There's not much we could do about the weather, but the setbacks were really frustrating," said senior Lauren Gonsalves. "Especially since it's so difficult to accurately spread information through the school and many people were struggling to keep track of

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Kenneth H. Briggs, 85, of Wareham, formerly of Marion died Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion after a long illness. He was the husband of Mary E. (Potter) Briggs.

Born in New Bedford, he was the son of the late Kenneth and Martha (Erickson) Briggs. A journeyman electrician, Mr. Briggs worked for Mass. General Hospital, Algonquin Gas Company, and Tabor Acad-

emy.

Mr. Briggs was a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Korean conflict from 1952 to 1955. He enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Briggs; his daughter, Amy Shaw and her husband Mark of Rochester; three sons, Eric Briggs of Marion, Scott Briggs and his wife Linda of Denmark, ME, and Chris Briggs and his wife Tina of Toland, CT; his sister, Sandra Reinhold and her husband Richard of Franconia, NH; 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

A funeral service will be held on Sat., March 24, 2018 at the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Highway (Rt. 28), Wareham at 12 pm. Relatives and friends are invited to visit from 11 am to 12 pm prior to the service. Interment will be in Old Landing Cemetery, Marion.

Donations in his memory may be made to Sippican Healthcare Center, (specify resident's fund in the memo field), 15 Mill St., Marion, MA 02738.

Beryl M. (DeCosta) Sullivan, 89, of Mattapoisett died March 26, 2018 at Tobey Hospital.



She was the wife of the late Joseph J. Sullivan.

Born in Mattapoisett, daughter of the late Anthony and Grace (Napier) DeCosta, she lived in Mattapoisett all of her life.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett where she was a former president of the Women's Guild and sang in the choir.

Mrs. Sullivan was a loving mother and grandmother who cherished her time with her family.

She enjoyed reading and was involved in Scouting.

Survivors include her 3 sons, Timothy J. Sullivan and his wife Kelle, of Fort Meade, FL, Daniel A. Sullivan and his wife Maryann of Rochester, and Joseph J. Sullivan, Jr., of New Bedford; a daughter, Mary Ellen Stanley of Peterboro, NH; 2 sisters, Barbara Smith of Louisville, KY and Virginia Burrell of Leland, NC; a sister-in-law, Geraldine DeCosta of Mattapoisett; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late John N. "Jackie" DeCosta, Joseph DeCosta, Anthony DeCosta, II and Jean Ellis.

Her Funeral will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd at 9 am

from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, followed by her Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 10 am. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Monday, April 2nd from 4-7 pm. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Rex Tracy McGraw, Jr., 87, of Wareham passed away on March 23, 2018, at Tobey Hospital in Wareham.

Born in Hornell, NY in 1930, he was the son of the late Rex T. and Marie A. (Berg) McGraw.

Rex was raised in Arkport, NY and graduated from Arkport Central High School. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War.

Following his service in the Army, Rex attended Bowling Green State University, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He received his Bachelor and Masters Degrees at Bowling Green State University. He earned his Doctorate in Theatre Arts at the University of Indiana. He taught at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. While there he established an "MFA in Directing Degree." He later taught at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where he was Head of Acting and Directing in the graduate school. He held this position until his retirement.

Upon retirement, Rex moved to Wareham, MA, to be near his family. He was a member of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, the Zeiterion Theater, and the Marion Art Center. At the Marion Art Center he enjoyed directing plays, especially the works of Chekhov.

Rex is survived by his brother, Jack (Jaquie) McGraw of Mattapoisett, MA; his nephews, J. William (Jean) McGraw of Fort Mill, SC, their children, Stephanie (Arnas) Bendoriatas, and Christopher McGraw, Mark (Paula) McGraw of Mattapoisett, and their children, Michael, Patrick, Kate and Andrew, Matthew (Sharon) McGraw of Fairhaven, and their children, Luke and Roy; his niece, Marie-Elizabeth McGraw Lemire and her children, Jack and Claire.

Rex's visiting hours will be held on Saturday, April 7th from 3-4:30 pm followed by a Celebration of his Life from 4:30-5 PM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Charles "Charlie" Prefontaine of Mattapoisett died on Sunday March 25, 2018 at home. He was born in New Bedford and was the son of the late Louis "Fred" and Natalie (Park) Prefontaine. He resided in Mattapoisett for forty years.

Charlie became a registered pharmacist in 1974 after completing five years at the University of Rhode Island and an internship at Guy's Pharmacy in Fairhaven.

Shortly after graduation, he took a position working for Fairhaven Pharmacies at their newly acquired Mattapoisett location, Seaport Pharmacy. He was a staff pharmacist for

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The walkout wasn't the only thing that students missed due to the original snow day cancellation of the event. The League of Women Voters had been scheduled to help students ages 16 years old and older pre-register online to vote during Bulldog Block.

“I think the most important thing that the walkout would've had to offer was pre-voter registration,” senior Alice Bednarczyk said. “The ability to let young people vote and understanding voting is very important and it's something that adults should try and take the initiative to teach students about.”

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one year and then was made manager of the store. After eight years he purchased Seaport Pharmacy with the “Wind Tunnel” soda fountain. He sold the business to Shaw's Supermarkets in 1996 and became a pharmacist for them at their Fairhaven store. He worked there for five years and then transferred to Hyannis where he worked for nine years.

As a child he spent many enjoyable and exciting summers at Camp Cachalot. He enjoyed swimming in the pond and had a fast time for the mile swim. He started as a camper and later, after the forest fire of 1964, as a helper to his dad, who was a ranger, cleaning up. In addition to doing general repairs, they built a new trading post. He became the trading post manager for two summers when the camp reopened.

He was an avid surfer only missing one year since 1967. He was a member of the U.R.I. surf team.

When he was in his late 20's he took up running and ran with the Greater New Bedford Track Club for several years. He completed several half marathons and two marathons. When he owned Seaport Pharmacy, he became involved with the Mattapoisett Fourth of July Road Race a five mile race. He was a participant, sponsor and a committee member.

After a stint with motorcycles (six years at Laconia), he decided sailing would be a lot safer and bought a boat. He earned his Master 100 Ton License from the U.S. Coast Guard and ran Helios Yacht Charters for many years. Being an avid racer, he and his loyal crew participated in many area races,

most notably the Mattapoisett Yacht Club Wednesday night series for twenty five years, and winning the Whalen Trophy for being the top boat in Class A six times. Starting in 1988 Helios and crew started a streak of thirty years participating in the annual Figawi race weekend. The race is held on Memorial Day weekend racing from Hyannis to Nantucket. Helios and crew placed first in class fourteen times, placed in class every year but one and was first overall in the cruising fleet (135 boats) twice. In 2017 he won his class and received the Howard K. Penn Spirit of Figawi award.

Charlie and his wife Nancy enjoyed cruising around New England relaxing and having adventures on Helios. Their favorite spots were Hadley's Harbor and Cuttyhunk.

He is survived by his wife and first mate Nancy (Victorino) Prefontaine, a brother Dennis and his wife Kathy of Holliston, his former wife Linda of New Hampshire and their four children Douglas of Gilford, New Hampshire, Timothy and his wife Almy of Fort Worth, Texas, Christopher of Mattapoisett and Nicole O'Leary and her husband Pat of Mattapoisett, ten grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

His visitation will be held on Sunday April 8, 2018 from 2-6 PM at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute and/or Figawi Charities. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Dr. Carey's Baby Care
9:00 AM The Chio and Bman Show
9:30 AM The Chio and Bman Show
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Wicked Good Food
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Yoga for Health
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Euro Kitchen
3:30 PM Garage X
4:00 PM The Garage with Steve Butler
4:30 PM Beyond Boston
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
6:00 PM Playhouse Theater
6:30 PM Legal Ease
7:00 PM Registers Report
7:30 PM Money Matters TV
8:00 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Democracy Now!
10:00 PM STEM in 30
11:00 PM Ghost Chronicles – Next Generation

Friday March 30, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way For Seniors
8:00 AM Conversations with Dr. Don
9:00 AM Children's Corner
9:30 AM Curious Giraffe
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM 100 Mile Meals
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Yoga for Health
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Eat Well Be Happy
3:30 PM Dragons, Unicorns, and Other Creative Creatures
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sorts Talk
5:00 PM Duke of Sports
6:00 PM All Things Victorian
6:30 PM Deutsch Welles
7:00 PM Deutsch Welles
7:30 PM Deutsch Welles
8:00 PM The Collective Chat
8:30 PM An Evening with Alice

Walker

10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:00 PM Cinemaniacs

Saturday March 31, 2018

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM What's New Massachusetts?
9:30 AM Falmouth in Focus
10:00 AM Fak'd 8 TV News
10:30 AM South Coast Matters
11:00 PM Money Matters TV
11:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
12:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
12:30 PM Science 360
1:00 PM Women 2 Women Today
1:30 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents
2:00 PM Carpe Diem
2:30 PM New England Authors with Kameel Nasr
3:00 PM The Buzz Around Bees
3:30 PM Around the House
4:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal
5:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
6:00 PM Arts Alive
6:30 PM The O! Melodious! Show
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Read, Rant, Repeat
8:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
9:00 PM Two Tones with George
Lopes
9:00 PM Words on Film
9:30 PM Adolescent Drug Use Seminar
11:00 PM Old Time TV Show

Sunday April 1, 2018

7:00 AM Health Source
7:30 AM Today's Message
8:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
9:00 AM Rochester's First Congregational Church Sermon
10:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
11:00 AM Carpe Diem
11:30 AM Cinemaniacs
12:30 PM Eat Well Be Happy
1:00 PM Angel Talk
1:30 PM Arts Alive
2:00 PM Rochester's First Congregational Church Sermon
3:30 PM A Vetren Story
4:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
4:30 PM Neighbor to Nations
5:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
7:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society
9:00 PM Media Edge
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Monday April 2, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on The Move
8:30 AM Bulldog Weekly
9:00 AM Ben and Bella
9:30 AM Ben and Bella
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM What's Linda Cooking?
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Chef's Table
4:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:00 PM Fast Forward
5:30 PM Deutsch Welles
6:00 PM Deutsch Welles
6:30 PM Deutsch Welles
7:00 PM The Collective Chat
7:30 PM J9 on 9
8:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
8:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability
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10:30 PM Media Edge

Tuesday April 3, 2017

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM 30 Medical Minuets
9:00 AM Children's Corner
9:30 AM Ben and Bella
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Wicked Good Food
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Eat Well Be Happy
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4:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:00 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
5:30 PM Playhouse Theater
6:00 PM Legal Ease
6:30 PM Registers Report
7:00 PM Money Wise
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
8:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
9:00 PM STEM in 30
10:00 PM Media Edge

Wednesday April 4, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for

Seniors

8:00 AM Seniors Scene
8:30 AM Dr. Carey's Baby Care
9:00 AM Ben and Bella
9:30 AM Children's Corner
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
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7:00 PM Deutsch Welles
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8:00 PM The Collective Chat
8:30 PM Historical Sketches
9:00 PM Democracy Now!
10:00 PM Don't Dis My Ability
11:00 PM Conversations with Dr. Don

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion School Committee – January 10, 2018
8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission – February 28, 2018
10:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen – March 20, 2018
11:30 AM Marion Planning Board – March 19, 2018
1:00 PM Marion School Committee – January 10, 2018
2:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission – February 28, 2017
4:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman – March 20, 2018
5:30 PM Marion Planning Board – March 19, 2018
7:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman: Town House Special Meeting – March 1, 2018
9:00 PM Marion School Committee – January 10, 2018

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester School Committee – February 15, 2018
8:00 AM Old Rochester Regional District School Committee – January 17, 2018
10:00 PM Rochester Board Selectmen – March 19, 2018

11:00 PM Rochester Planning Board – March 22, 2018
12:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals – February 8, 2018
2:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission – March 20, 2018
3:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman – March 19, 2018
4:30 PM Rochester Planning Board – March 22, 2018
6:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals – February 8, 2018
7:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission – March 20, 2018
9:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman – March 19, 2018
10:30 PM Rochester School Committee – February 15, 2018
11:00 PM ORR Distict Budget Meeting – January 24, 2018

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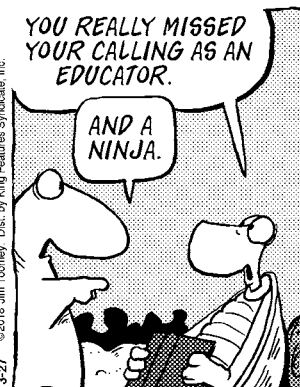
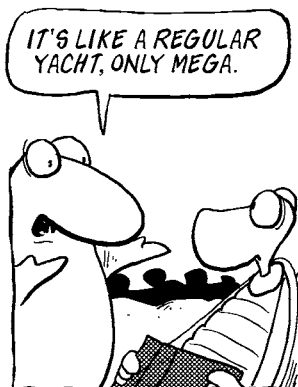
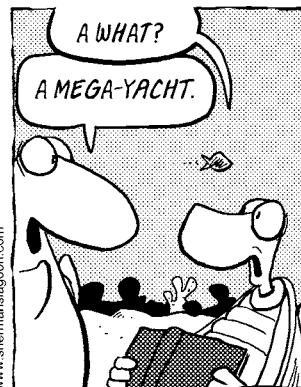
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR AP Seminar
9:00 AM OC Girls Varsity Basketball vs Tri-County
10:00 AM OC Girls Varsity Basketball vs Case
11:00 AM ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs Norton
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Old Colony TV
1:00 PM ORR AP Seminar
2:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Pembroke
3:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Norwell
4:30 PM OC Boys Basketball vs Diman
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Old Colony TV Episode 3
7:00 PM ORR Girls Hockey vs Boston Latin
8:00 PM ORR Boys Ice Hockey vs Tauton
9:00 PM ORRHS Senior Superlatives
10:00 PM ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs Case
11:00 PM OC Girl Varsity Basketball vs Dartmouth

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OC Softball Hopes to Hit the Ground Running

High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

Replacing nine seniors from last season's roster is the biggest obstacle Old Colony softball faces heading into the 2018 season, especially when one was Mayflower Athletic Conference All-Star second baseman **Savannah Lopes**, along with the Cougars' starting catcher **Amanda Clark**.

But the Cougars still have their foundation with pitcher **Emily Littles** and shortstop **Mikayla Murray** back for their senior season.

"We've built the program around them for a few years," Old Colony softball coach Brandon Mendez said. "They're phenomenal kids."

Littles dominated the Mayflower Athletic Conference in 2017, striking out 140 over 84-1/3 innings, posting a 3.24 ERA and a 9-5 record. She also hit .462 and was the Cougars' other Mayflower All-Star.

Murray hit .348 with a .577 on-base percentage out of the leadoff slot with three doubles. Her role will change a bit this year, moving down to the three-hole as the offense's center piece.

"She has a little more power than she has in past years, she actually hit a leadoff home run last year," Mendez said. "Last year, she was more an on-base machine, she was always on. But I also got a little speed coming up that I'm going to put at the top of the order

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with centerfielder **Katherine Kirby**. Probably one of the quickest athletes in the school."

Kirby hit ninth last season with a .386 average and .471 on-base percentage as a freshman. With a full year of varsity play under her belt, her bat, coupled with her speed, should play well leading-off.

The Cougars also have **Hannah L'Heureux** back, arguably the team's best hitter in 2017 as a sophomore. Old Colony's first baseman led the team with a .474 average and was second in RBI to Lopes (24) with 21. L'Heureux was also tied with Lopes with a team-best two home runs and was tied for second with Kirby in doubles (5).

"She probably has one of the best swings I've ever

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MOVIE REVIEW

To End All Wars

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Journey's End*. Starring Asa Butterfield and Sam Claflin. Directed by Saul Dibb. Running time: 107 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in select theaters.**

The necessarily melancholy *Journey's End*, a World War I drama, has been around a while. How long? A 21-year-old Laurence Olivier made his first big splash in the source material, R.C. Sherriff's well-regarded play, in 1928. The current film version is the fifth such adaptation; the first was James Whale's debut, in 1930. And yet it doesn't feel old, perhaps because Sherriff, an army officer in the war, left any cant out of it. No one harrumphs on about the glory of sacrifice — or the insanity of war. It's just these men, many barely old enough to harvest whiskers, waiting for their turn to step into the bear trap. At the time the tale is told (March 1918, or roughly a century ago), the war is still eight months away from armistice — plenty of time for many thousands more men to die in the mud.

A newcomer to the material might expect *Journey's End* to follow Second Lieutenant Raleigh (Asa Butterfield), a wet-eared though not toffee-nosed young officer who asks to be assigned to the company commanded by a pre-war friend, Captain Stanhope (Sam Claflin, stepping into Olivier's big shoes). But the story, at least as told here, focuses more on Stanhope, human wreckage trying to hold himself together with whiskey, and his friendship with his second-in-command, Lieutenant Osborne (Paul Bettany, looking more than ever like the young Max von Sydow). Raleigh is more of an object here, a thing that introduces drama and brings Stanhope's tensions to the fore. Stanhope, you see, was involved with Raleigh's sister, and if Raleigh writes a letter to her mentioning what a mess her brother has become...

This string of the narrative is standard dramaturgy that could, in theory, unfold anywhere (Raleigh is off to medical school and discovers old chum Stanhope, an anxiety-ridden third-year resident popping pills to stay awake). But here it's linked to the war and the agony of dread it causes all the men — existential dread to the *n*th degree, the horror of a man watching an unknown other man gurgle and die in the muck, and



knowing there's no *reason* he himself is alive (for now) and the other is not. A good part of the action happens offstage — or offscreen, rather — betraying the film's origins on the boards; a major character dies out of our sight, which we don't expect to happen in a movie. (It does, however, make for a delayed jolt that films don't usually do, but which is part of a playwright's bag of tricks.)

Directed by Saul Dibb (*Suite Française*) mostly with hushed intimacy, *Journey's End* lets off a few bangs — most of the combat is reserved for the third act — but is often found picking up the sounds of a straight razor scraping off stubble, or a cigarette torching into life, or an exhausted soldier sipping tea that tastes of onions. Indeed, all the senses are engaged here, the narrative slowed down just enough for us to share in the tactility of the men's discomfort. The actors scale down their performances accordingly; Claflin has the flashier role, getting drunk and upbraiding everyone around him (most of the men absorb his abuse with a shrug), but is also allowed quieter moments to create pockets of fear and sickness.

It's all a bit of a lad's tale — we're on the movie's home stretch before we see our first female face (with no voice) — and a white lad's tale, too. (Someday soon we may see a film about the Harlem Hellfighters, or perhaps a biopic of Dorothy Lawrence.) Period war movies may be the only genre left that can plausibly ignore the modern (and justified) demand for diversity; the least such movies can do is reveal the cracks in the façade of privilege, and *Journey's End* does so. A good portion of the film's pathos lies in the pained smile of Paul Bettany's Osborne, a schoolmaster in pre-war life, who has seen the apocalypse of the new mechanized way of war. In the face of the mass meat grinder of the war that was supposed to end all wars, a man can try to retain some humanity. That's about it.

seen at this level," Mendez said. "She's going to be the cleanup hitter and we're looking for big things from her again this year."

So the Cougars have Littles, Murray, L'Heureux and Kirby back, but that still leaves several holes to fill from the 2017 graduating class.

The first vacancy that jumps out is filling Lopes' spot at second base – some big shoes to fill. Mendez decided to go young at the position after what he saw from freshman **Allyson Pompeo** early in tryouts, though he's not certain on her slot in the order yet.

There are also openings at the corner outfield positions. Mendez will fill those with sophomores **Lauren Patnaude**, who played both JV and varsity last year, and **Jordyn Dexter**.

These decisions have come with limited work on the Cougars' actual field, with the weather forcing them indoors since the start of tryouts.

"It's been tough," Mendez said. "Part of the focus early in the season every year we say, 'What kind of team are we and how are we going to attack this thing?' We're definitely going to be a little more offensive-minded from the get-go, knowing that Littles is going to be a solid in the circle. So we want to push the envelope on offense a little more."

Mendez said the team has taken time to focus on at-bats, base running, bunting, and the things it will take to push the offense.

"When we get outside, we're going to be a little more focused on defense," said Mendez. "There's only so many softy groundballs you can't take. As far as fly balls, we were talking about going out to the parking lot and throwing them to the girls to see what they can do."

Old Rochester

Bulldogs baseball graduated two of its top players on the 2017 to the college ranks – **Sam Henrie** to Division II Southern New Hampshire and **Will Hopkins** to Division III Suffolk – leaving holes not only in the batting order, but atop the rotation as well.

This makes **Mike Kennefick's** emergence as the team's ace last season all the more important. As a junior, he struck out 45 over 54 innings, posting a 3.36 ERA and a

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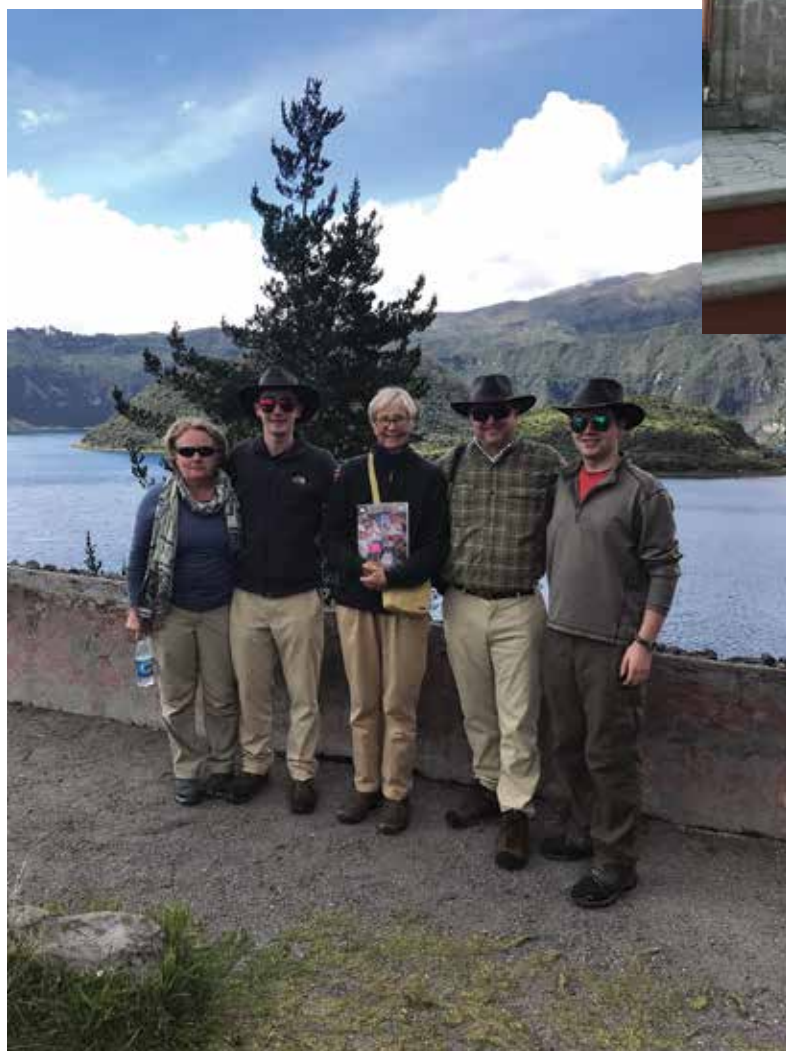
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Above: Jessica Webb (pictured) along with her family went to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, for the holidays and we snapped this photo with The Wanderer Christmas issue in front of the "Catedral" in the main square ("El Jardín"). San Miguel is a gorgeous city in the central mountains of Mexico. A vibrant place with culture, art, music, and really, really good food. Hot springs, cooking classes, and a hot air balloon ride were a few of the things they did while we were there.



Left: In February, Ruth Jolliffe, with her son and his family, visited the crater lake of Cuycocha near Otavalo Ecuador, elevation 10,00 ft.

5-4 record for Old Rochester.

Old Rochester manager Steve Carvalho will need Kennefick and senior shortstop **Jake Asiaf** early if the Bulldogs are expected to be a serious contender in the South Coast Conference as usual.

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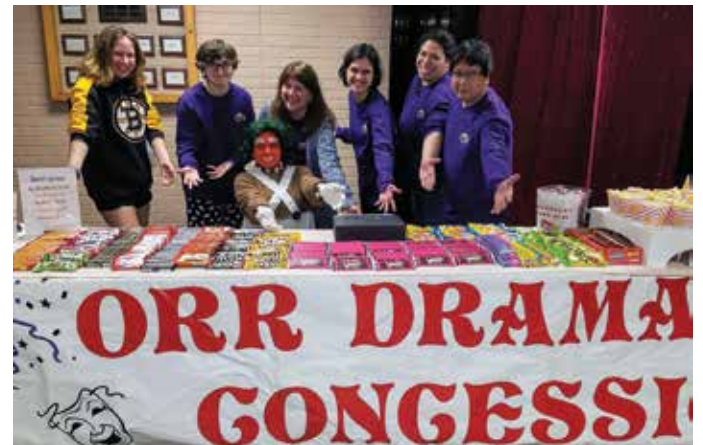
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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The ORRHs Drama Club's performance of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" was a sold out event! The production ran March 22-24, with many being turned away on Friday night after tickets sold out as fast as Wonka bars! Photos by Erin Bednarczyk



A big thank you to Joey Faulkner of Wareham for submitting this Easter drawing to share with The Wanderer community!



Fourteen members and friends of the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee attended the March for Our Lives on Saturday, March 24. Those who attended the march: Jocelyn DaLuz, Kathleen & Arthur Damaskos, Patricia & Maureen Murray, Luana Jostvold, Kathie Reed, Michelle Bernier, Theresa Hadley, Bill Cantor, Kristen Eastman, Betty Hill and Skip and Anne Bedser. Photo courtesy William Cantor

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

I have received numerous phone calls from Marion residents about keeping and restoring the present Town House and not building a new one at the Council on Aging property, where heavy and fast-moving traffic on Route 6 causes dangerous distractions and creates major safety concerns for pedestrians, bike riders and drivers. Anyone who has ever attempted to enter the narrow COA driveway from Route 6 knows the unsettling feeling of sitting on that roadway and having motor vehicles whizzing by so fast, it makes your car shudder.

The present Town House location, long a symbol of local government, anchors Marion's Town Center with distinctive architecture and possible historical significance; it serves as an attractive cultural icon symbolizing historic seafaring Marion.

Many callers talked of plans to freshen Taber Library's exterior, and the well thought out plans for a refurbished Town House next door, as well as the placement of a bronze statue of Elizabeth Taber linking the two buildings, create a charming campus and civic space where people can pause, read and converse in a quiet pocket park setting away from deafening marauding truck and motorcycle traffic that frequent the proposed Route 6 site stealing one's sense of peace and tranquility.

A lot can be said for relaxing in a civic space created between two historic buildings enshrined with

majestic trees, glorious flowers, benches and stylish shrubs – an extension of the community – a stage for our public lives. The site already functions in a true civic role where celebrations are held, where social and economic exchanges take place, where friends run into each other, and where cultures mix.

Many believe the Town House and Taber Library are our collective "front porches" where we interact with each other and with our local government. When towns and neighborhoods have thriving civic spaces, residents have a strong sense of community and feel a strong connection to each other.

Sincerely,

Eileen J. Marum, Marion

Academic Achievements

William W. Saltonstall Jr. of Marion and Rachel J. Scheub of Rochester were awarded Faculty Honors for the fall 2017 semester at **Trinity College** in Hartford, Connecticut. Faculty Honors are awarded to students with a semester GPA of at least 3.667 on four graded courses, with no individual grade below B-, and no incomplete grades pending.

Tabor Students Recognized at National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition

Tabor Academy students Vyper LaTulippe '19 (Onset, MA) and Eric Paliotta '19 (Warwick, RI) were recently recognized on the national stage for their outstanding work in ceramics. Their work was included in the National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition held recently in Pittsburgh, PA as a part of the multi-day, annual conference of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA).

This year, there were nearly 1300 submissions from across the country, and juror Pete Pinnell selected less than 150 pieces for the exhibition.

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights March 18-March 24

- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill Street – EMS/medical
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Moorings Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – MV complaint
- Wianno Rd – Animal complaint
- Delano Rd – Animal complaint
- Spring St - Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- Village Dr – Health/welfare
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Officer wanted/arrest
- Cranberry Hwy - Transport
- Point Rd- EMS/medical
- Aucoot Ave – EMS/medical
- Rocky Knook Ln - Transport
- Mansfield Ave - Disturbance
- Mansfield Ave – B&E/past
- Island Wharf Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – Missing person
- Front St – MV collision
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Island Wharf Rd – Suspicious activity

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 18-March 24

- Pearl St – Suspicious MV
- Water St – General service
- North St – Health/welfare
- Lebaron Way – Health/welfare
- Lebaron Way – General service
- Water St – MV crash
- Dexter Ln - Ambulance request
- North St – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Drugs/narcotics
- Water St – Follow up investigation
- Pearl St – Animal control
- Angelica Ave – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Property found
- Fieldstone Dr – Follow up
- Neds Point Rd – MV lockout
- County Rd – Follow up investigation
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- Oakland Ter – House check
- County Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Church St Ext – Suspicious MV
- Ocean View Ave – Health/welfare
- Alderberry Ln - Disturbance
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Massasoit Way – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – Intoxicated party
- Brandt Island Rd – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – 911 call
- Park St – MV lockout
- Marion Rd – Intoxicated party

ROCHESTER

Log highlights March 18-March 24

- Allen Rd – Animal complaint
- Dexter Ln – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Randall Rd – Restraining order
- Pauline's Way – Officer wanted
- Burgess Ave – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Dexter Ln – Health/welfare
- Rounseville Rd - Lockout
- Benson Rd – 911 abandoned
- Tilson Rd – Office wanted
- Walnut Plain Rd – B&E/MV
- Benson Rd – Officer wanted
- New Bedford Rd – B&E
- Snipatuit Rd - Investigation
- County Rd – Assist other agency
- Snipatuit Rd – Serve warrant
- North Ave - MV accident
- Snipatuit Rd – B&E/MV
- Foss Farm – Officer wanted
- North Ave – Officer wanted
- Burgess Ave – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Braley Hill Rd – MV accident
- Marion Rd – MV accident
- Williams Way – Assist other agency
- Dexter Ln – Community service
- Pine St – Ambulance request
- Dexter Ln – 911 silent
- North Ave – Officer wanted

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, April 2: Cheeseburger, ketchup, potato wedges, hot German slaw, whole wheat hamburger roll, cinnamon apples

Tuesday, April 3: German beef stew w/ vegetables, red bliss potatoes multigrain roll, Mandarin oranges

Wednesday, April 4: Grilled chicken, peach salsa, parsley mashed potato, scandinavian vegetables, oatmeal bread, tapioca pudding, diet: Lorna Doones

Thursday, April 5: Macaroni & cheese, escalloped tomatoes, green beans, fruit loaf, pineapple chunks

Friday, April 6: Shredded cheese, beef chili, whit/brown rice, broccoli florets, dinner roll, applesauce

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, April 2: Hot dogs, oven baked fries, baked beans, Red Sox jello **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Southwestern chicken salad shaker

Tuesday, April 3: Nacho bowl: Seasoned taco meat, cheese sauce, tortilla chips, lettuce & tomato, salsa, fiesta rice & beans **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Southwestern chicken salad shaker

Wednesday, April 4: Spaghetti & meat sauce, green beans, bread stick, tossed salad **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Southwestern chicken salad shaker

Thursday, April 5: Cream of turkey served over mashed potato, stuffing, corn **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Southwestern chicken salad shaker
Friday, April 6: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing, fruit cup **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Southwestern chicken salad shaker

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, April 2: Monday, April 2: Hot dogs, oven baked fries, baked beans, fun chips **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Chicken Caesar salad

Tuesday, April 3: Taco Tuesday, lettuce & tomato, cheese, corn & black bean salsa, fiesta rice **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Chicken Caesar salad

Wednesday, April 4: Chicken Parmesan over spaghetti, Italian green beans, dinner roll **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Chicken Caesar salad

Thursday, April 5: Pulled pork sliders, glazed carrots, macaroni salad, apple sauce **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Chicken Caesar salad

Friday, April 6: Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Chicken Caesar salad

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, April 2: Hot dog, macaroni salad, Cape Cod chips, cucumber coins

Tuesday, April 3: Chicken fajita, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa, cucumber coins

Wednesday, April 4: French toast, sausage, hash brown, homemade blueberry crisp

Thursday, April 5: Homemade lasagna rollups, green beans, tossed salad

Friday, April 6: Bacon burger, cheese, lettuce, tomato, potato wedges, side salad

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, April 2: Monday, April 2: Hot dogs, oven baked fries, baked beans, fun chips **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Chicken Caesar salad

Tuesday, April 3: Taco Tuesday, chicken (or) beef, lettuce & tomato, cheese, corn & black bean salsa, fiesta rice **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Chicken Caesar salad

Wednesday, April 4: Chicken Parmesan over spaghetti, Italian green beans, dinner roll **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Chicken Caesar salad

Thursday, April 5: Hot open face turkey sandwich w/gravy, savory stuffing, corn, applesauce **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Chicken Caesar salad

Friday, April 6: Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad **2nd choice:** Crispy chicken sandwich **3rd choice:** Chicken Caesar salad

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, April 2: Monday, April 2: Hot dogs, oven baked fries, baked beans, glazed carrots, fun chips **2nd choice:** Garden salad w/tuna **3rd choice:** BLT w/ homemade soup

Tuesday, April 3: Nacho bowl: Seasoned taco meat, cheese sauce, tortilla chips, lettuce & tomato, salsa, fiesta rice & beans **2nd choice:** Garden salad w/tuna **3rd choice:** BLT w/homemade soup

Wednesday, April 4: Waffles, sausage, hash brown, strawberry & cream cup **2nd choice:** Garden salad w/tuna **3rd choice:** BLT w/homemade soup

Thursday, April 5: Hot open face turkey sandwich w/gravy, savory stuffing, corn, cranberry sauce **2nd choice:** Garden salad w/tuna **3rd choice:** BLT w/homemade soup

Friday, April 6: Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad **2nd choice:** Garden salad w/ tuna **3rd choice:** BLT w/homemade soup

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, April 2: Crispy chicken bowl w/ mashed potato, corn, gravy & biscuit

Tuesday, April 3: Chicken nuggets, fries, bread & steamed carrots

Wednesday, April 4: Home-made chicken quesadilla, salsa, sour cream & corn & bean salad

Thursday, April 5: Pulled BBQ turkey sandwich, fries & cole slaw

Friday, April 6: Assorted stuffed crust pizza & Caesar salad

the premier annual juried ceramic competition for Kindergarten through Grade 12 (K-12) students in the United States," said Kevin Arnfield, Visual Arts Faculty. He explained the event is designed to showcase the best student ceramic work made in the country each year. The exhibition takes place in a different city each year in conjunction with the annual conference of the NCECA. The NCECA conference is the preeminent ceramic event in the U.S. annually, gathering professionals from universities, colleges, museums, art galleries, and the ceramic arts world to a host city to view exhibitions, demonstrations, talks, and other ceramic events. "For that week, the host city is the world capital of ceramics," explained Arnfield.

In addition to their acceptance to this exhibition, both Tabor students were further commended by receiving artistic merit awards from the juror. Paliotta received the Regina Brown Teacher Development award, while LaTulippe received a cash prize from Bailey Pottery and a \$20,000 scholarship for the study of ceramics at Alfred University.

River Race Boat Building Seminar

It's never too early to start thinking about the Boat Race! Here is a great spring vacation week project. A seminar will be held on Saturday, **April 14** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Rochester Fire Station, Hartley Road, for anyone interested in the building of a Mattapoissett River racing boat for use in the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race. Boats will be on display, plans will be available, and boat builders will be on hand to answer questions. Buy, sell or swap; if you have a river racing boat to sell, bring it. If you are looking for a river racing boat, come and see what's available. For further information, call Arthur Benner at 508-763-2024 or email artbenner@comcast.net.

Sippican Historical Society

In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. The survey was funded one-half by the Sippican Historical Society and one-half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Because

of the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were catalogued and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society's office (and at the Marion Town Clerk's office).

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation



on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society will preview one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture. This installment features 140 Front Street.

The Congregational Meetinghouse (now the Marion General Store) at 140 Front Street was built between 1794 and 1799, during the Federal period. In the 1840s, the Greek Revival style was employed to update this building, which marks the southern entrance to the town center's small commercial district. The Congregational Meetinghouse, more than any other building, symbolized Wharf Village as an important new focus for the spiritual, commercial, and social life in Marion. It also represented the first step toward independence from its mother town of Rochester. For the first time since the early 1700s, the town folk did not have to travel to Rochester center to partake in religious services.

Marion Resident Honored as 2018 Newman Civic Fellow

Simmons College student Jessica Rush of Marion, Massachusetts was recently selected for a prestigious 2018



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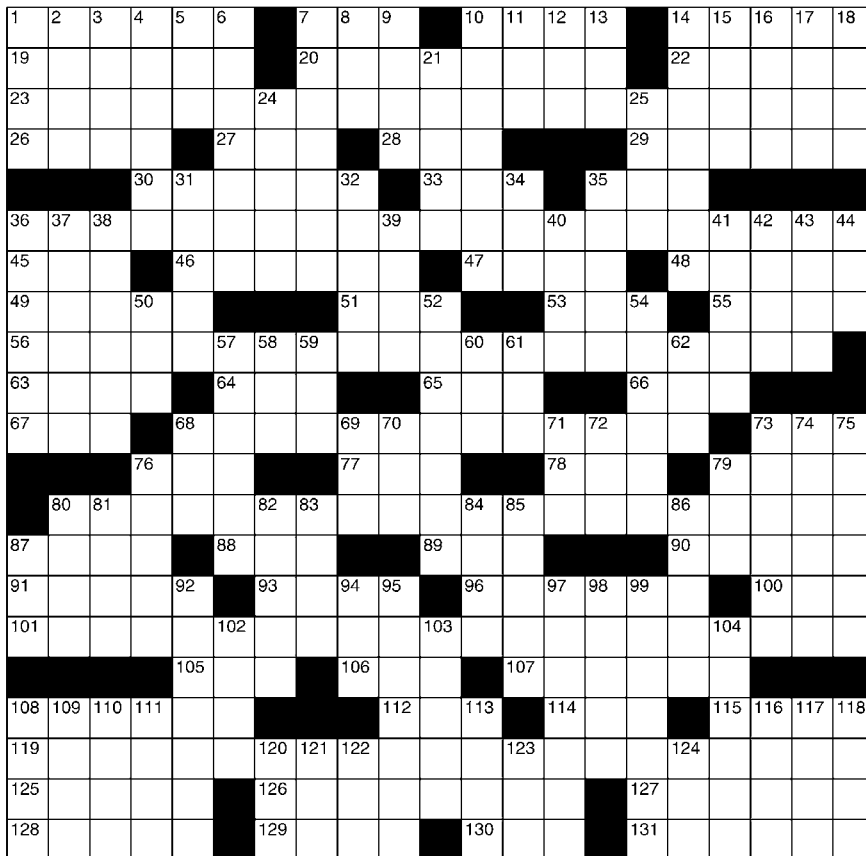
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126 More smart
127 Straight, as an arm or leg
128 Praise
129 Trig calculation
130 Gridiron pts.
131 When wages are given
DOWN
1 Goldie of "Foul Play"
2 Turkish chief
3 Campbell of country
4 Full chromosome set
5 Car-towing org.
6 Gigantic
7 One of the Judds
8 Shar- — (dog breed)
9 "With God — witness"

- 10 Phrase on a thin coin
11 New Deal prez
12 Add- — (extras)
13 Wildlife park
14 Incarnations of deities
15 Jazz great
16 Very dry
17 Advance, as money
18 Captains' journals
21 More fitting
24 "For want of —, the shoe was lost"
25 Half of Mork's sign-off
31 Poker stakes
32 Feel likewise
34 Insect snare
35 Be part of, as a film
36 Montreal's province
37 Elevated region
38 Puts into law
39 Tobaccoless smoke
40 Sitarist
41 Like a child
42 Toad feature
43 Jason's ship
44 Reverse of NNW

- 50 Boxing ref's ruling
52 Be sure the job is done
54 Docket
57 Spoils
58 "— longa, vita brevis"
59 Big maker of SUVs
60 Mr. Capote, to pals
61 Tartan cap
62 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
68 "I'm talkin' to you!"
69 Munic. law
70 "Quiet down!"
71 Little newt
72 "So adorable!"
73 Ear malady
74 Kid-lit "pest"
75 Part of NSA
76 With 109-Down, one of five famed comedic brothers
79 Big name in fuel additives
80 For takeout
81 Red Scare gp.
82 "Hot dog!"
83 Oahu feast
84 Sorvino of Hollywood

- 85 Monogram, e.g.: Abbr.
86 Japanese fish dish
87 Used a bench
92 Involve in conflict
94 Pig's place
95 Honey
97 Loving ones
98 Drowsy
99 Made sense
102 Part of 44-Down
103 Trojan beauty
104 Move past carefully
108 Place
109 See 76-Down
110 Send forth
111 Latin "year"
113 "Think nothing —"
116 One- — jack
117 "99 Luftballons" group
118 J.D. holder who pass
121 Mentalist Geller
122 Swimming star Thorpe
123 Blushing hue
124 — big way



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Congratulations, Lamb. This is the week to finish your project and then bask in your well-earned approval. (And if you like, you also can say "bah" to all those detractors.)

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The bold Bovine could find a new opportunity too intriguing to be ignored. But don't charge into it. Go slowly so you see how things develop as you get more involved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might try to soften your stand on that important issue. A little more flexibility actually could get you what you're looking for. A new friend enters the picture midweek.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your inner voice is on the mark when it advises you to tackle that family problem now! The sooner you're able to come to terms with it, the better it will be for everyone.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Someone reveals important news about a longtime associate. But before you decide how to deal with this information, make sure it's reliable, and not simply self-serving.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some intensive soul-searching early in the week can help you reach a decision by week's end that should please both you and the other person involved. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The possibility of a career change is intriguing. Learn more about what it can offer and what it cannot. Weigh everything carefully. And ask questions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Work is your priority this week as you try to make up for lost time. Expect help from someone who cares about you. Things take a welcome turn by the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A health problem causes some anxiety early in the week. But prompt medical attention soon eases everyone's concerns. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As much as you might resent it, a changing situation could require you to adjust your plans accordingly. The good news: An associate agrees to cooperate.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That old problem is finally resolved, just in time for you to take on a new work-related project. This one could be the super door-opener you've been looking for.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The early part of the week presents some difficult hurdles. But once you get over them, you can start to focus on matters that are more important to you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and your dedication to doing the right thing, no matter how difficult that might be.

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Newman Civic Fellowship. The announcement was made earlier this month by Campus Compact, a Boston-based national coalition comprised of more than 1,000 colleges and universities working to advance the public purposes of higher education by preparing students for civic and social responsibility.

Campus Compact announced that Rush is one of 268 students who will make up the 2018 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows, which is named for Campus Compact's co-founder Frank Newman, and supports students' personal, professional and civic growth. Rush was nominated for the fellowship by Simmons College President Helen Drinan because of her commitment to issues related to income equality and accessibility to higher education.

"We are thrilled that Jessica Rush has been chosen as a 2018 Newman Civic Fellow," said Drinan. "As a proud Campus Compact member institution, Simmons College fully supports the mission of the Newman Civic Fellowship and our shared goal of preparing students for a life of civic engagement and a long-term commitment to social responsibility. Jessica has distinguished herself as a leader at Simmons and in her community. I am confident that Jessica will use the Newman Civic Fellowship experience to turn her ideas into action."

The one-year fellowship provides a variety of learning and networking opportunities, including a national conference of Newman Civic Fellows in partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. The fellowship also provides fellows with access to apply for exclusive scholarship and post-graduate opportunities. The Newman Civic Fellowship is supported by the KPMG Foundation and Newman's Own Foundation.

"I am honored to be chosen for this fellowship, and I am grateful to President Drinan for nominating me," said Rush, a second year student who is expected to receive a bachelor's degree in political science in 2019 and a master's degree in public policy in 2020. "My work will focus on researching how colleges and universities, including Simmons College, can be more accessible and inclusive for first generation and low-income students. I



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"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate and engage with such an extraordinary group of students," said Campus Compact president Andrew Seligsohn. "The stories of this year's Newman Civic Fellows make clear that they are bringing people together in their communities to solve pressing problems. That is what Campus Compact is about, and it's what our country and our world desperately need."

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LORANGER for property located at 81 Burgess Avenue, identified on Assessor's Map 27, Lot 17A, who are seeking a Special Permit under Section VIII.D.9.a. to allow the conversion of a single-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling. The public hearing will be held on April 12, 2018 at 7:45 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall at 1 Constitution Way. Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 3/29, 4/5</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Old Hammondtown School located at 20 Shaw Street, Mattapoisett, MA concerning the Application For Approval of a Definitive Plan submitted by DENNIS ARSENAULT for a proposed subdivision of land into two lots located at Snow Fields Road and shown on Assessors Map 28, Lot 26. Complete plans are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected by any interested party during normal business hours of the Clerk's office. Plans may also be viewed at the office of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc., 1 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA. We recommend calling in advance to view the plans at (508) 758-7866 ext. 203. 3/29, 4/5</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:10 pm at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination (File No. 41D-1675) submitted by SUSANNAH DAVIS to place two benches by the Sprague's Cove retention ponds overlooking the outer harbor and Sprague's Cove.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 30 on Marion Assessors' Map 17. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Cynthia Callow, Chairman, 3/29</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:20 pm at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent (File No. SE 041-XXXX) submitted by THE MEK-TUKQUAAMSETT IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION to repair a storm-damaged Association Pier facility at the end of Reservation Way.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 42S on Marion Assessors' Map 18. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Cynthia Callow, Chairman, 3/29</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by RICHARD J. RHEUME, PRIME ENGINEERING, P.O. Box 1088, Lakeville, MA 02347. The proposed project is to install a 36' x 16' swimming pool surrounded by stone pavers and a fence. Three feet of fill will be placed at the west end of the pool. The project is located at 4 Ocean Breeze Lane, and is further identified as Lot 5 on Assessor Map 219.0. 3/29</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #748</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 19, 2018, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of PETER DOUGLAS, seeking relief from a denial dated February 2, 2018 of Zoning Enforcement Request dated January 25, 2018 for violation of Marion's Zoning Bylaws.</p> <p>The property in question is located at 324 Front Street, and is further identified on Assessors' Plan 13 as Lot 24. Marc Leblanc, Chairman 3/29, 4/5</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #749</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:40 pm on Thursday, April 19, 2018, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of ANDREW SIDFORD ARCHITECTS for a special permit to allow an unfinished basement under an approved alteration to an existing non-conforming dwelling.</p> <p>The property, located at 13 West Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lot 39. Marc Leblanc, Chairman 3/29, 4/5</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p>	<p>Squeaky Clean Window Services 30 years experience. Let the professional do the work. Free estimates 508-994-9796 cell 508-542-7106</p> <hr/> <p>St. Jude's Novena May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. 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The COA meets monthly and is an advisory board charged with advocating on behalf of the Marion older adult population.</p> <p>Applications to serve are available at the Board of Selectmen office and on the Town of Marion website. Please submit a letter of interest or completed application by Thursday, April 26, 2018 to the Marion Board of Selectmen, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 Jonathan E. Dickerson, Chairman</p> <hr/> <p>Trek Navigator 300 Bicycles Men's and a women's adult size Lightly used in good condition \$85 each. Call 508-965-6533</p> <hr/> <p>WANTED junk cars & trucks for salvage & parts. Paying cash. Free pickup 508-763-4185 DM Auto</p> <hr/> <p>What A Find! Consignment Furniture</p> <p>We are looking for furnishings to add to our inventory. Always in need of quality, clean furniture from a smoke and pet free home. Call us for details. 508-997-0166</p> <hr/> <p>Year Round Rental Ready now - 354 Point Rd. 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The Penny Sale will be held at Holy Name Center, 121 Mt. Pleasant Street, New Bedford. Doors will open at 5:00 pm and food will be served all evening. For more information or directions to the center, call 508-993-3547. Please make plans to attend this exciting event with your entire family.

Spring Agricultural Day at Acushnet Grange

Join us for our Agriculture Day on Saturday, **April 7** from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Acushnet Grange, 1121 Main Street, Acushnet. There is a full day planned with activities, agriculture products for sale, food demonstrations and displays by agriculture organizations. We will have a coloring contest and seed planting for children. There will be a draft horse demonstration in the afternoon. Wampanoag Dog Club will be holding an open house and obedience demonstrations. Free and open to the public. Please follow the signs for parking. There will be some handicap parking at the hall. For more information, call Caroline at 508-763-2795.

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Mother's Day Sign Making Family Event & Fundraiser

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The Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold the April meeting at Post 280 on **April 3**. Social time is 5:30 pm; dinner is at 6:00 pm.

The meal will be lasagna, salad, garlic bread and pie for dessert. Our speaker for this meeting will be our own Cal Perkins who has just returned from his African holiday. Cal will present a slide program on The Modern African Camera Safari which we are certain will be most memorable and interesting.

Callers and members are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Call lists should be done and reported no later than 9:00 pm on Monday, April 2 by email to GPFNR@AOL.COM or by phone to Mike at 508-758-9311. Members with requests or changes can contact Mike by phone at 508-758-9311 no later than 9:00 am on April 2.

Saving Money in the New England Garden

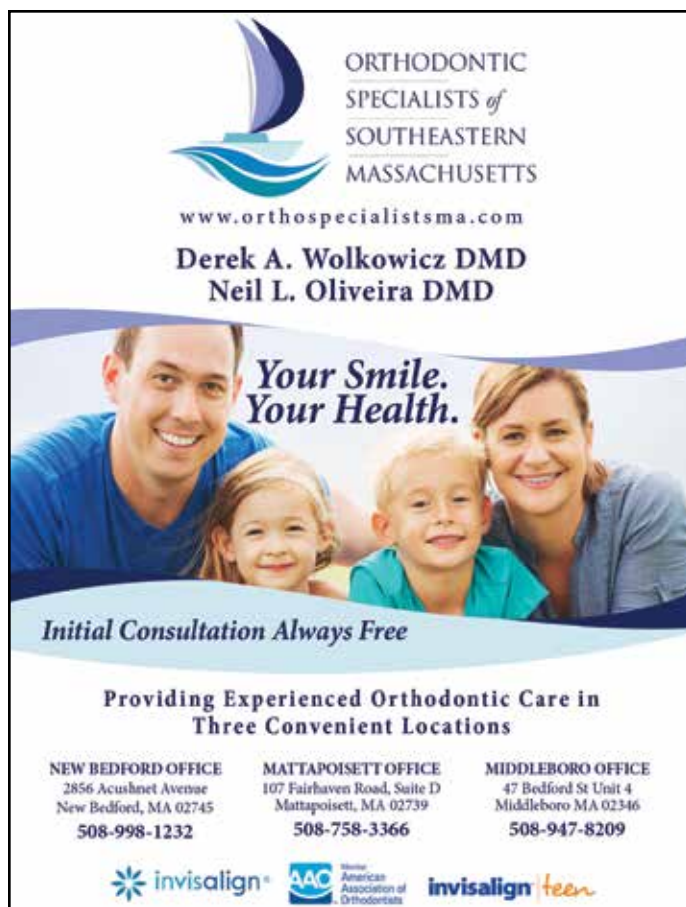
Please join the Elizabeth Taber Library on Tuesday evening, **April 3**, at 6:00 pm as Ian Penman, a seasoned botanist, leads a talk on how to make one of the most expensive hobbies a little more affordable and how to avoid making costly mistakes in New England's unforgiving climate. Mr. Penman is a passionate Massachusetts Certified Horticulturist with a Botany degree from UMaine Orono, seeking to empower homeowners, 'green-up' our cities, and inspire a green



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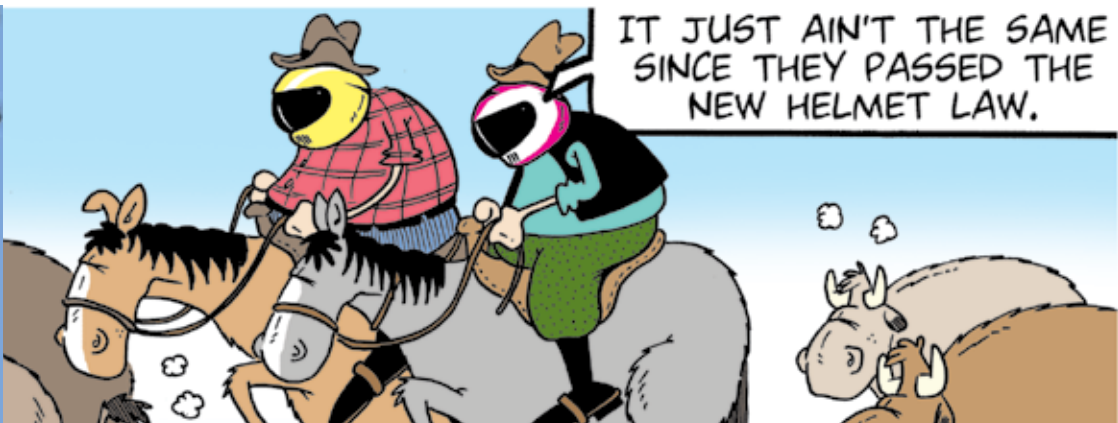
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Elizabeth Taber Library Spring Children's Programs

Spring Story Time for children between the ages of 3 and 5 begins Monday, **April 2** and runs through May 21, 2018. Children are invited to enjoy stories, finger-plays and crafts Monday mornings at 10:30 am.

Spring Tales for Twos, for children 24-35 months, begins Wednesday, **April 4** and runs through May 30, 2018. Children must be 2 years old by April 1, 2018 to attend and must be accompanied by enthusiastic adult companions. The half-hour of stories, finger-plays and crafts takes place at 10:30 am on Wednesday mornings.

Spring Lapsit, for children birth through 23 months and their caregivers, begins Tuesday, **April 3** and runs through May 29. Each Tuesday morning program begins at 10:30 am and includes a 20 minute "story time" followed by 20 minutes of socializing. One child per "lap" please.

Pre-registration is required for these programs; please sign up by stopping by the library, calling 508-748-1252, or by e-mailing Mrs. Grey, Children's Librarian at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

Rochester Town-Wide Cleanup

Join the Rochester Women's Club in conjunction with the Rochester Land Trust on Saturday, **April 21** for a Town-wide cleanup. Trash collection bags and gloves will be available at the Rochester Women's Club at 37 Marion Road, Rochester from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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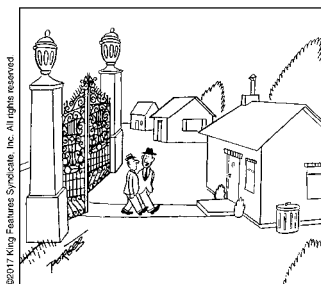
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"... And then we ran out of _____"

session, learn how to take better photos with your smartphone, create your own hand-dyed silk scarf, polish your acting skills, go on a musical journey with a trio of creative musicians, or see an original play about Marion's Golden Age: that's ArtWeek at the Marion Art Center (MAC), **April 27 through May 6**. ArtWeek is an award-winning, innovative 10-day festival featuring unique and creative experiences that are hands-on, interactive, or offer behind-the-scenes access to arts, culture, and the creative process. Now an annual statewide celebration of the arts, ArtWeek was born in Boston in 2013 and recently expanded its footprint across the Commonwealth.

The MAC community is thrilled to bring ArtWeek to Marion, sponsoring 18 fun and exciting events focused on music, theater, visual arts and crafts, and arts experiences for children and families. Many of the performers, artists, and workshop instructors are from Marion, and nearly all are from the SouthCoast, showcasing the creative richness of our region. "Marion is on FIRE. So exciting and creative – a true ArtWeek inspiration on all fronts from programming, community engagement, and marketing," says Sue Dahling Sullivan, Chief Strategic Officer for ArtWeek at the Boch Center, ArtWeek's producer.

The spark for the ArtWeek fire in Marion is Anthi Frangiadis, Marion architect, artist, and shop owner, who had hosted ArtWeek events in the past and put together a group in Marion to talk about expanding ArtWeek in the Tri-Town area. MAC board member Jennifer Wolfe Webb attended that meeting and saw ArtWeek as a great opportunity for the MAC to shine. Webb's MAC committee, with the help of generous donors, has created a rich program of events as "a gift to Marion," in Webb's words. In keeping with the ArtWeek mission, all the events are offered at low cost to the public, and half are free.

Rochester Rabies Clinic

The will be a rabies clinic on Sunday, **April 8** from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Grange Hall, Hartley Road, Rochester. The cost is \$12 per shot. All animals must be properly restrained. All dogs must be leashed, all cats



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MAC Meet the Found Objects Artists

The Marion Art Center has announced that it will host a Meet the Artists night for its Found Objects Show on Friday, **March 30** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Shelly Richins, Marion Art Center's President of the Board, commented, "Since the original opening for this exhibit was on the night of the first nor'easter, and we lost power within thirty minutes, we still wanted to

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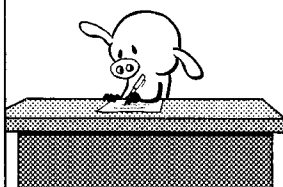
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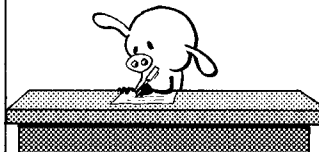
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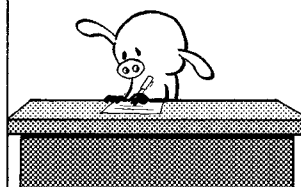
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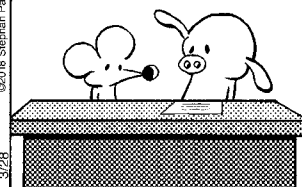
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The show – which features art made from recycled and repurposed materials – opened on Friday, March 2 and runs through Saturday, April 14. The galleries, located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion, MA (at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets), are free and open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and on Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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The Grand Raffle is a key component of the Club's Harbor Days fundraising event, which permits your Lions Club to serve our community in countless ways.

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ORCTV will hold its Annual Meeting and Open House on Saturday, **April 28** at noon at the ORCTV studios located at 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett. The meeting will include the election of members to the Board of Directors. The slate of this year's nominees is as follows:

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Friday	March 30	7:57	8:19	1:29	1:58
Saturday	March 31	8:43	9:05	2:16	2:31
Sunday	April 1	9:28	9:50	3:00	3:05
Monday	April 2	10:12	10:34	3:40	3:39
Tuesday	April 3	10:56	11:18	4:17	4:14
Wednesday	April 4	11:41	...	4:55	4:51
Thursday	April 5	12:04	12:28	5:34	5:31
Friday	April 6	12:51	1:17	6:18	6:17
Saturday	April 7	1:39	2:06	7:13	7:13
Sunday	April 8	2:28	2:56	8:29	8:26
Monday	April 9	3:21	3:51	9:52	9:49
Tuesday	April 10	4:21	4:50	10:49	10:56
Wednesday	April 11	5:19	5:44	11:32	11:47
Thursday	April 12	6:08	6:29	...	12:09
Friday	April 13	6:51	7:10	12:30	12:44
Saturday	April 14	7:31	7:50	1:12	1:19
Sunday	April 15	8:12	8:31	1:54	1:55

Phases of the Moon	Full Moon	March 31st
	Last Quarter	April 8th
	New Moon	April 15th
	First Quarter	April 22nd

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

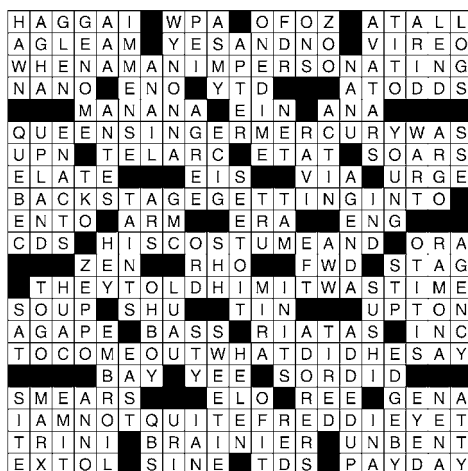
Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the March 22, 2018 issue the Aardvark was on page 46!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Naive; 2. Patrol;
3. Smear; 4. Synergy

Today's Word
MONEY

Sudoku Answer

3	8	9	4	5	6	7	2	1
6	4	7	2	3	1	5	9	8
2	1	5	8	7	9	4	6	3
7	6	3	1	9	4	8	5	2
1	5	8	6	2	7	3	4	9
9	2	4	5	8	3	6	1	7
4	3	1	7	6	2	9	8	5
8	9	6	3	1	5	2	7	4
5	7	2	9	4	8	1	3	6

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Progresso
Soup **4/\$5**



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Long Grain & Wild Rice)
Near East
Side Dishes .. **4/\$5**



12.5-13.7 oz. Selected
Nabisco
Ritz Crackers **2/\$5**



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Polar
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